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# Tide Shifts to Clinton, Senate Democrats Say

They See a 'Sea Change' in Trial Momentum As Defense Lawyers Conclude Spirited Case

By Brian Knowlton tional Herald Tribu

WASHINGTON — White House lawyers concluded their three-day defense of President Bill Clinton on Thursday, assailing the evidence against Mr. Clinton as "profoundly ambiguous" and saying that it was built on "speculation,

theorizing and hypothesis."

David Kendall, the president's private attorney, told the 100 senators who are weighing articles of impeachment against Mr. Clinton that there had the content against Mr. Clinton that there had the content against Mr. been "concerted, partisan distortion" of the evidence.

Instead, he said, "The evidence plainly shows that the president did not. obstruct justice in any way and there is, nothing in this article that would warrant his removal from office.'

Mr. Kendall spoke a day after other members of the Clinton defense team denounced the obstruction of justice and perjury accusations against the president as "legal mumbo jumbo" and "frivolous" charges based on "utterly meaningless" differences in testimony.

Many Democrats were heartened by what they said was a powerful and at times rousing White House defense, and some proclaimed that momentum in the historic trial had shifted in the president's favor

) They said that the White House legal ream had successfully rebutted the arguments that Mr. Clinton should be removed from office for perjury and obstruction of justice in seeking to conceal his intimate relationship with Mon-ica Lewinsky, the White House intern.

"I think there's a sea change going on," Senator Dianne Feinstein of California said on CNN. She said that a 'very solid Democratic bloc" had emerged in the Senate and added, "I don't know of a single vote that would be for the articles of impeachment at this

It is now time to stop impeachment, get it over with, and let's go to work on the people's agenda," said the House Democratic leader, Richard Gephardt."

Democrats also gleefully welcomed a and Clinton critic, the television evangelist Pat Robertson, who said that Mr. Clinton had "hit a home run" in his State of the Union address Tuesday.

Mr. Robertson said that Republicans "might as well dismiss this impeachment hearing and get on with something

Republicans conceded that Mr. Clinton has benefited from a predictable shift of momentum as his lawyers took the spotlight, following an unexpec-tedly persuasive presentation by the House prosecutors, but added that it was only the latest of countless such shifts

since the scandal began.
Representative James Rogan of California, one of the Republican managers, said he was "very disappointed" by the White House case "because it was riddled with inaccuracies and half-

Added another manager, Represen-vive Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas: "It oppears the White House strategy is to attack the managers more personally and to make this as managers versus White House. And that is not the fact of

With the conclusion of the White

House arguments Thursday, the historic trial was moving into a new and un-

Some Democrats, encouraged by the White House defense, said that they might propose to move directly to votes on the two impeachment articles next week in a bid to end the trial pre-emptively.

Under a plan backed by Senator John Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts, a Democratic motion planned for Mon-day on dismissing the case would be replaced by a vote on the impeachment charges. That approach, however, could be blocked even by a single senator, under agreed-on rules.

Following the White House legal team's closing, senators will be permitted to subject to the senators.

mitted to submit written questions to both legal sides. This two-day exercise may offer hints at the thinking of the 100

senators sitting as Mr. Clinton's jury. Each side's leadership was assembling questions and organizing them to avoid repetition.

For now, the White House lawyers appear to have firmed support for Mr. Clinton among the 45 Democratic senators. If they remain unified, they can defeat an eventual vote to convict the president, which requires 67 votes. Mr. Clinton, who returned to Washington Thursday after a trip to New

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A Romanian coal miner in a helmet he seized from a policeman rallying his fellow miners Thursday as they broke through a roadblock on the way to the capital. The miners are striving once again to back up their long-term demands for a big pay increase and a halt to the closing of pits around the nation. Page 10.

## **Milosevic** 'Inflexible' On Kosovo, **Envoy Says**

U.S. Renews Warning As Top Monitor Defies Belgrade on Expulsion

Compiled by Our Staff From Disput

BELGRADE — A U.S. diplomat said Thursday that President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia had made no concessions on demands to avoid threatened NATO military action.

"He remains inflexible on all key compliance issues," James Pardew, President Bill Clinton's special representative for Kosovo implementation, said after four hours of talks with Mr. Milosevic.

"It was not a productive meeting,"
Mr. Pardew said as he and the principal U.S. mediator for Kosovo, Chris Hill, returned to their hotel.

Mr. Pardew said Mr. Milosevic "denies any Serb involvement in the massacre af Racak," a reference to the discovery by American verifiers last weekend of the bodies of 45 ethnic Albanians killed in a village near Pristina.

Serbian authorities declared William Walker, the American head of the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe verifier mission in Kosovo, persona non grata and ordered him ex-pelled, after he blamed Serb authorities

for the killings.

The alleged massacre, plus the expulsion order on Mr. Walker, prompted a new NATO buildup to prepare for air strikes against Serbia. Asked about Mr. Walker's fate, Mr. Pardew said only, "Walker is in Pristina," the capital of Kosovo.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said that all 750 international monitors would be pulled out of Kosovo unless Mr. Milosevic allowed Mr. Walker to stay as head of a truce verification mission.

The Yugoslav government had ordered Mr. Walker to leave the country by 5 P.M. Thursday.

As the deadline for his leaving the

country approached, Mr. Walker canceled a trip to Belgrade and confined himself to his headquarters in Pristina. An aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Walker would

spend the night on his office couch. "He's not leaving now," said the group's spokesman, Jorgen Grunnet, telling reporters about the decision to

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# Cambodia Weighs Fate of Genocide Collaborators

By Seth Mydans New York Times Service

PHUM THMEI, Cambodia - "If I killed anyone, you can kill me back," said Neang Kin, her hair matted and her clothes stained reddish-brown from her work in the flooded rice fields. "I swear to God and swear to die in front of my children. I faint at the

Khing Rouge personnel files at Thol Sleug prison and Mrs. Neang Kin's own confession 20 years ago tell a different story. According to these records, she was one of many thousands of functionaries who carried out the brutal policies that led to the deaths of more than a million Cambodians from 1975 to 1979. Mrs. Neang Kin, who guesses her age at 48, once

confessed to assisting in the torture of 300 people at the prison and even to taking part in administering electric shocks. A subsistence farmer now, she desperately denies that confession.

As Cambodia and the outside world prepare for the

possibility of trials for perhaps a dozen Khmer Rouge leaders, a large unanswered — and generally unasked — question is how to deal with the people who actually took part in the torture and the killing, or even how to think of them.

"There are a lot of people like her on file," said Youk Chhang, director of the Documentation Center

Hun Sen confirms that he supports a Khmer Rouge Wisk, but raises questions. Page 4.

of Cambodia, a private agency that is collecting evidence of Khmer Rouge crimes. His investigators have talked with Mrs. Neang Kin three times.

This is going to be a very classic case for the lawyers to determine who should be responsible," he said. "Even though I personally believe only the leaders should be brought to justice, we need to clarify this for the younger generation to un-derstand. This woman is like a first-hand killer. Why

should only the top leaders take responsibility?"

The documents show that Mrs. Neang Kin spent 18 months in prison after her confession in 1979. She said the recent surrender of two Khmer Rouge leaders has filled her with mixed emotions: anger at their apparent impunity but fear that if trials are held, she may once again be a target.

She said she resented some former Khmer Rouge colleagues who have done well for themselves in recent years, buying motorbikes and televisions or emigrating to the United States. Abandoned years ago by her husband, Mrs. Neang Kin grows rice, beans and corn to support her parents and teenage daughter. Her file at Tuol Sleng prison, in Phnom Penh,

describes her as having been a "group chief," though it does not specify her duties. Like similar files, it includes an expressionless portrait that is indistinguishable from those taken of the 14,000 prisoners who passed through the torture house en

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# U.S. Plan Threatens Moscow Arms Pact

Clinton Decision on Missile Defense Could Doom START-2, Russians Say

By David Hoffman Vashington Post Service

MOSCOW - The Clinton administration's decision to move ahead with a national ballistic missile defense system could stifle any last hopes that the Russian Parliament will approve the START-2 strategic arms treaty, Russian

specialists said Thursday. The announcement by Defense Secretary William Cohen appeared certain to aggravate relations between Moscow sanctions against Russian scientific centers, diverging views over traq and Kosovo and Russian impatience over Western debt relief and loans.

The Clinton administration pledged Wednesday to spend \$6.6 billion over five years to field a national missile defense system and said it would seek unspecified changes in the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treary with Russia. The treaty sharply limits the develop-ment of missile defenses. Mr. Cohen said the United States might pull out of the treaty if Russia does not agree to

Although it will be years before such system could be deployed, the an-

nouncement nonetheless marked a turning point. Until now, the administration and Washington, which got off to a tense beginning this year with U.S. had expressed doubt about whether such a missile defense system was necessary or feasible. Russia has long expressed

opposition to any changes to the treaty.

The START-2 treaty was close to ratification last year before the attack on Iraq, which triggered a backlash in the lower house of the Russian Parliament, the State Duma, and caused a postponement. The START-2 treaty, which would cut both sides' nuclear arsenals nearly in half, was signed in 1992 and ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1996 but has never been approved by the Duma. President Bill Clinton sent a letter to President Boris Yeltsin warning him of the impending U.S. announcement on

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A German ground crewman checking a missile Thursday on a jet at the San Damiano air base in northern Italy, ready for action over Kosovo.

## AGENDA

### **UN Security Council Backs Angola Role**

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UNITED NATIONS, New York (AP) — The Security Council said Thursday it intended to maintain a UN presence in Angola despite the re-sumption of civil war and a recommendation by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to withdraw UN observers.

The council said a continued presence would depend on the safety of personnel and would require the approval of the Angolan government, which has said it does not want the current mission to remain beyond the expiration of its mandate Feb. 26.

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## Holbrooke Is Accused of Violating Ethics Law balked at paying a fine of several thou-sand dollars demanded by the Justice Department because he believed he had turned up no evidence of wrongdoing by

By Philip Shenon and David Johnston New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has accused Richard Holbrooke, President Bill Clinton's choice to be the top American diplomat at the United Nations, of a civil violation of federal ethics laws involving business contacts three years ago with the U.S. Embassy in South Korea, government

done nothing wrong. They said he was also concerned that a financial settlement of the case might be seen as an admission of wrongdoing that could derail his nomination.

The Justice Department investigation began last year as a result of allegations that Mr. Holbrooke had improperly lobbied officials at the U.S. Embassy in Hungary in 1995. But officials disclosed Wednesday that prosecutors had Friends of Mr. Holbrooke said be had

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Mr. Holbrooke in that case. Prosecutors later turned their attention to allegations involving contacts in 1996 with the embassy in Seoul.

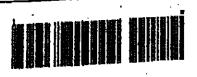
Government officials said those allegations proved to be more serious. They said that if Mr. Holbrooke refused to pay a fine to settle those charges, the Justice Department would consider filing a civil lawsuit against the veteran diplomat, delaying his nomination to the UN post indefinitely. The allegations against Mr. Hol-

brooke involve contacts he had with at least one former State Department colleague at the embassy in Seoul within months of his resignation from the department in February 1996 to join the investment banking company Credit Suisse First Boston in New York.

A friend of Mr. Holbrooke would not describe the nature of the contacts with the embassy but said they were "ridiculously minor" and offered no financial reward for Mr. Holbrooke or his

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#### By Sheryl Stolberg New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - It has been nearly three decades since Dr. Denis Burkitt, a British missionary surgeon who studied the differences in diseases between poor Africans and affluent Westerners, postulated that the Africans' high-fiber diet protected them against colon cancer. He spread his thesis as dietary gospel, prompting millions to

Now the largest study ever to examine Dr. Burkitt's theory has found that, at least when it comes to preventing colon cancer, all those fruits,

vegetables and cereals do not do any good.

The research, conducted by a team from Harvard University and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, tracked the eating habits of more than 88,000 female nurses over 16 years and found that women who are a high-fiber diet were no less likely to develop colorectal cancer or polyps, which can be a precursor to cancer, than those who ate little fiber.

The findings were, for the most part, the same no matter what type of fiber the study subjects ate, or how fastidious their habits — whether they smoked or did not smoke, whether they dined on fatty steak or lean tofu, whether they exercised regularly or sat on the couch and watched tele-

The researchers and others commenting on their findings noted that the study had its limitations. For example, many scientists believe that men and women respond differently from each other to

dietary fat and fiber, and the study group involved only women. Still, the study adds to research suggesting that when it comes to colorectal cancer, the benefits of fiber have yet to be proved.

"We really can't substantiate a protective effect of fiber on the rates and risk of colon cancer," said Dr. Charles Fuchs, a medical oncologist at Brigham and Women's and the lead author of the study, which appeared in the Thursday issue of the

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## Ski Conditions: Accumulation **Of Lawsuits**

By James Brooke New York Times Service

GEORGETOWN. Colorado - In a few days, skiers here are to inaugurate the highest chairlift in the world. Whisking 1,200 people an hour to a 12,700-foot ridge, the lift will offer sweeping views of the Rockies and challenging runs down the Continental Divide.

But in a sign of changing times in the most popular skiing state in America, a Colorado environmentalist is suing, charging that Loveland Ski Area, the owner of the lift to the 4,200meter site, has violated its permit for building on

National Forest Service land.

After fighting logging, mining and cattle grazing on National Forest lands, environmentalists declared open season this winter on ski areas, once a seemingly wholesome presence in the landscape. The expansion of ski areas, mostly on public land, that once aroused little opposition is being fought by groups that are angry over growing real-estate development on adjacent

Increasingly run by publicly traded corpo-rations, ski areas are turning to mountain real estate as a source of big profits in the future. In contrast, the number of lift tickets sold across the United States each winter has been stagnant for a decade, at around 53 million. In that period, ticket sales in Colorado increased by about 20 percent, but the state has seen ticket sales drop 11 percent this season as some resorts endured the worst snow conditions in 40 years during the Christmas season.

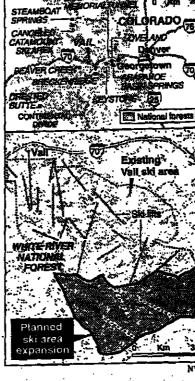
"It is not about skiing, it is about real-estate development," said Jonathan Staufer, a shop owner in Vail who is chairman of the Ski Area Citizens Coalition, a new environmental group. "Industrial tourism is posing the next major threat to wild places in Colorado and Amer-

Here in the Rockies, signs of growth abound.

Directly below Loveland's new Continental Divide chairlift, but muffled by a quarter mile of granite, traffic on Interstate 70 regularly slows to a crawl in the Eisenhower Tunnel, a major link between the busiest ski areas in Colorado and the 2 million residents of the Denver area. In 25 years, traffic has quadrupled in the tunnel, 60 miles (100 kilometers) west of Denver.

In the 75 miles between here and Eagle-Vail Airport, enough home construction is planned to





The expansion of National Park land ski areas - with lifts such as this new one at Loveland Ski Area in Colorado - is being fought by environmental groups that are angry over growing real-estate development on adjacent private land.

double the populations of several towns in five years. A rural airstrip in 1990, the airport is the second busiest in Colorado this winter, offering direct jet service to 13 cities, including New York and San Francisco.

In the last decade, while the volume of timber cut in National Forests fell by two-thirds, the number of recreational visitors jumped by 40 percent. The U.S. Forest Service predicts it will record 1 billion recreational visits a year by

"Now we see lawsuits, not only against oil, gas and mining, but also to stop recreational use," the chief of the Forest Service, Mike Dombeck, said in Denver recently, after encountering protesters objecting to an expansion of Vail in National Forest land.

In Colorado, where most skiing is done on National Forest land, the conflict flared into the public eye in October when an amorphous group, the Environmental Liberation Front, protested the expansion of Vail's ski slopes by burning three buildings and damaging four

But in less dramatic fights, Colorado environmentalists are lobbying federal agencies to block new trails at the Keystone and Breckenridge ski resorts. Nearby, at Arapahoe Basin, they are trying to block the installation of a snowmaking system that would let the area fulfill its dream of offering skiing year round. Elsewhere in the West, environmentalists are fighting construction of a new ski area, Pelican Butte, in southern Oregon, and the expansion of Snowbasin in Utah. In recent months, the Forest Service overrode objections to the expansion of the Santa Fe ski area in New Mexico, but rejected a proposed ski area for Mount Shasta in Northern

This month in Colorado, in the face of strong local opposition, a consortium of Vermont and Colorado developers abandoned plans to build a ski area 10 miles south of Steamboat Springs, which would have been called Catamount. In addition to the ski slopes, the developers planned 3,700 homes and 1,000 hotel rooms.

"They had the resources, and they had the permits," said Susan Otis, executive director of the Yampa Valley Land Trust. "But they knew that in the community there no longer was a

desire to have a new ski area. The developers gave the Yampa Valley trust conservation easements preserving a swath of pasture and announced plans to build 40 luxury

houses and a lodge at the site. Census figures show that Colorado has the third-fastest-growing population in the nation, after Nevada and Arizona. Now, defenders of the fragile lands in the Rockies are also worried that out-of-state demographic pressures will result in a proliferation of second-home developments and swelling crowds at ski areas.

The average age of a second-home buyer in the United States is 51. Over the next 18 years, 78

million Americans are to turn 51. Their children number 72 million and are expected to pack ski areas again. The in-between group of people now in their 20s and 30s numbers only 44

"The fight over land use is really just starting, because you are talking of a burgeoning population of residents and visitors," said Diane Gansauer, executive director of the Colorado Wildlife Federation, a conservation group com-posed largely of hunters and anglers. "I don't buy the view of wildlife that accepts deer as lawn

At public hearings in Vail last spring, one resident drew applause when he said, "We want to look at trophy elk, not trophy homes." Partly because of a Forest Service policy in Colorado to favor expansion of existing ski areas over the construction of new ones, and fights waged by environmentalists against new ski areas, the last one to open on National-Forest land in the state was Beaver Creek, in 1980.

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In the lawsuit against Loveland, the environmentalist, Steven Hannon, asserts that the Forest Service awarded a permit for a short surface lift and then allowed the ski area to nearly triple the length of the lift and to change it to a chairlift.

Ken Abrahamson, general manager of the ski area, which is fighting the suit in the U.S. District Court in Deaver, said: "The Forest Service approved putting skiers on top of the ridge. We followed the process from A to Z."

## **Cruel Killings** Laid to Rebels Retreating in Sierra Leone

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LONDON - Rebels being driven out of Sierra Leone's war-battered capital of Freetown have mutilated people and adopted a scorched earth policy, the and adopted a scorened earth poncy, the captain of the British Navy frigate Norfolk reported Thursday.

Many bodies of victims caught in the

fighting have been floating past the frig-ate, Commander Bruce Williams said.

The Nigerian-led West African peace force in Sierra Leone reported Wed-nesday that it had cleared rebels from the Kissy port area of Frectown and was arranging protection for ships waiting to deliver urgently needed food and medi-

Commander Williams, speaking by telephone from a point off Freetown, said there had been a violent battle for control of the port, with the worst fighting in the eastern end of the capital.

There are many cases of mutila, tions, with arms and hands chopped of a those who tried to resist rebel activ-ities," he said. "They have not acted with any decorum or principles."

"The number of bodies we see floating past the ship indicate there has been

serious activity ashore," he added.

Commander Williams, whose frigate has been providing humanitarian and logistical support to the peace force, said one of every three houses in Freetown had been destroyed in the eastern part of the capital.

"Whenever they move out of some where and come under threat, they start to burn," he said of the rebels. "Whole areas have been razed to the east. Fires are still burning."

Military sources said that the intervention troops had the rebels surrounded in Freetown, depriving them of any, way out of a battered city that is facing disease and starvation.

French belicopter pilots under contract to the peace mission said armed men identified as rebels of the Revolutionary United Front were spotted Wednesday in villages of the Songo district, in the east of the peninsula.

But sources in the intervention force said that sweeps against rebel units would contain them on the high ground of the peninsula.

A Health Ministry statement said that more than 1,000 bodies had been collected in the area near the main Connaught Hospital in the center of Freetown. That district represents barely a tenth of the capital.

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Hospital staff said that many wounded people were dying begause of active shortages of the dical stippites.

We are lacking everything gauze, cotton material, operating fields antiseptic," a doctor said as a treated a crist with a body arounded language.

girl with a badly wounded leg. "Please help us."

Most medical supplies have come from the UN Children's Fund and were already stored here before the fighting

broke out in early January. "Our biggest worry right now is the outbreak of cholera," the doctor said. Another serious concern for Freetown residents is the dwindling of food stocks because the city has been cut off from resupply. During lulls in the fight-ing residents have walked great dis-

tances in a search for bread. Nevertheless, signs that life was returning to a semblance of normality have emerged in western Freetown, where buses and cars were on the (Reuters, AFP)



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## TRAVEL UPDATE

#### U.K. Advises Against Yemen Visits

LONDON (AFP) - The Foreign Office, reacting to a series of kidnappings in Yemen, has warned Britons against traveling to that country and urged those living there to leave if their presence is not essential.

'The Foreign Office last night advised British nationals

against travel to Yemen," a statement released Thursday said. gummen. Three of them, two Britons and an Australian, were killed on Dec. 30 as the others were rescued by security forces. Since then, there have been two kidnappings, one on Jan. 9 of a British oil worker, who was released unharmed on Jan. 13, and another Sunday of two Britons and four Dutch nationals.

#### U.S. Air-Control Update Advances

AUBURN, Washington (AP) — New equipment that is intended to provide more reliable air-traffic control across the United States by the summer of 2000 has been inaugurated first in the Pacific Northwest.

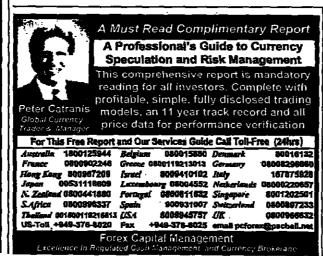
Jane Garvey, the head of the Federal Aviation Administration, helped dedicate the system Wednesday at the Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center, responsible for flights over Washington, most of Oregon and parts of Idaho, Montana,

The old vacuum-type radar display was prone to breakdown, but the update, in use for a month, is not immune to glitches. Last Friday, a battery failure during a check of backup power led to a 35-minute radar shutdown, delaying hundreds of flights.

#### U.S. and Kenya Discuss Air Links

NAIROBI - Kenya and the United States signed a memorandum of consultations Thursday on renewing direct air links between the two countries. There has been no direct link between the two countries since Trans-World Airways and Pan American Airlines stopped service in 1991. In two days of talks, A. Bradley Mims, U.S. deputy assistant

secretary of transportation, emphasized the importance of safety and security, the U.S. Information Agency said.



## New Battle of Berlin: City Resists U.S. Stance on Embassy Security

BERLIN - A dispute over security requirements for a U.S. Embassy building in Berlin could lead to delays in its construction, American diplomats said Thursday.

An embassy press officer, Anne Chermak, said the United States required a minimum of 30 meters (nearly 100 feet) between the building and adjacent streets to protect it from the direct blast of car or truck bombs like those that ripped through embassy buildings in Kenya and Tanzania last summer,

The spokeswoman said U.S. government officials were locked in a dispute with the Berlin regional government over rerouting two streets adjacent to the embassy site next to the Brandenburg Gate, one of Berlin's most famous landmarks.

A Berlin traffic official said agreeing to such demands would mean a deep

intrusion into the Tiergarten, Berlin's famed central park, as well as into land set aside for a memorial to Jewish vic-

"Berlin's city center would be turned upside down," the traffic official said. The embassy was said to be waiting for an official response from the Berlin government and to have said that construction could not begin without a de-

cision on security issues. The explosions in Africa last year killed 263 people in Kenya and Tanzania, including 12 Americans, and in-

jured thousands. The Berlin building, which is planned on the site of the prewar U.S. mission, is to house the first American Embassy in Berlin since 1941.

The German government is planning to move its ministries and other offices to Berlin from Bonn this year.

#### WEATHER

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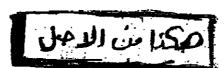
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# A Key Foe Says Clinton Has 'Won'

Rightist Evangelist Sees No Use in Finishing Trial

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

.WASHINGTON - Pat Robertson, the conservative television evangelist who has been an important leader in pressing for the impeachment and ouster of President Bill Clinton, says that the president "hit a home run" in his State of the Union address and that the impeachment trial might as well be halted.

While Mr. Robertson's remarks were the most dramatic, he was only one of many prominent Republicans around the country who said that Mr. Clinton's speech Tuesday was an unsettling reminder that their party cannot compete with the president's political skills and that the impeachment trial can only endanger their prospects in competitive

"From a public-relations standpoint, he's won," Mr. Robertson said Wednesday on his television program, "The 700 Club." "They might as well dismiss this impeachment hearing and get on with something else, because it's over as far as I'm concerned.

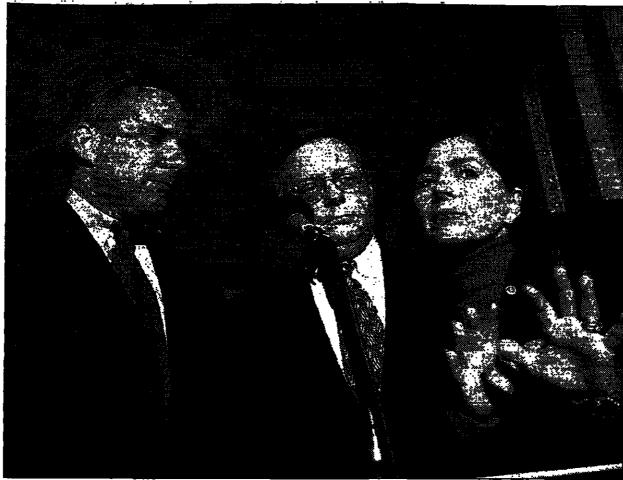
The comments by Mr. Robertson, who is the founder and chairman of the Christian Coalition and was a candidate for president in 1988, marked a stunning reversal because he had for months urged the ouster of Mr. Clinton.

Mr. Robertson's remarks carry great weight because he is one of the most popular and influential Christian conservatives; many leading Republicans, including presidential candidates, take their cues from him. His comments could also provide cover for Republicans who have felt pressure to move ward for impeachment so as not to

alienate their conservative supporters. But Mr. Robertson's remarks brought a stern reaction from one of the House prosecutors in the impeachment trial.

"It's discouraging, because he's missing the point," said one of the prosecutors, Representative Christopher Cannon, Republican of Utah. "This is not a PR war, this is a matter of law."

Mr. Robertson sought Wednesday night to temper his remarks. A spokesman quoted him as saying: "I was speaking in my capacity as a political analyst. I was not advocating this, nor do I favor this. But it was my view that this is how things are likely to play out."



Three Democratic senators discussing the impeachment trial at the end of a day's session on Capitol Hill. From left, Robert Torricelli of New Jersey, Richard Durbin of Illinois and Barbara Boxer of California.

## A President Gore? And for 10 Years?

If Clinton Went Now, His Successor Could Serve More Than 2 Terms

By Brian Knowlton onal Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON - Although the chances of President Bill Clinton resigning or being removed from office now appear small, the impeachment crisis raises at least the technical possibility that Vice President Al Gore could become the second-longest

serving president in U.S. history.

Under the 22d Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, proposed in 1947 in response to Franklin D. Roosevelt's four-term presidency and ratified in 1951 (though it explicitly did not apply to President Harry Truman, then in office), presidents are limited to two

But if a person succeeds to the presidency more than halfway through another president's term, he or she may still be elected twice.

WELCOME WAGON - People in Boca Raton, Florida, passing Haitian refugees waiting for a U.S. Border

Patrol van to pick them up. Along with 14 other Haitians, they were arrested after arriving by boat.

(Reuters) not the killer.

second term Jan. 20, 1997. As of midnight Wednesday, he had served exactly half his allotted four years.

If Mr. Gore, through some seemingly unlikely turn in the impeachment drama, were to step into the office soon, he could — if elected to the presidency in 2000 and 2004 — serve nearly 10 years. That would be longer than anyone but Roosevelt, who died of a cerebral hemorrhage during his fourth term, having served 12 years and one month.

Several political analysis described such a scenario as highly unlikely, saying that Mr. Clinton is almost certain to survive the impeachment trial under way in the Senate.

But should he not, the analysts said, Mr. Gore would probably enjoy a major advantage in seeking election in 2000, with many Americans of both parties rallying behind him in the name of sympathy, stability or continuity.

'Gore, as an incumbent, would have to be the odds-on favorite," said Allan Lichtman, professor of history at American University and a specialist in the dynamics of presidential campaigns. "It would mean a lot, it would almost guarantee a Democratic win in 2000."

Thomas Mann, director of governmental studies at the Brookings Institution in Washington, also said that a President Gore would enjoy a major edge approaching the 2000 election.

"If he were already president," Mr.

Mann said, "it would probably mean that there would be no challenge at all for the nomination and that itself is a big boost. The divisiveness that develops in contested nominations tends to weaken

But how a President Gore would do in 2000 would depend partly on how he had reached the office, said Stephen Wayne, a history professor at Georgetown University in Washington and author of books on the presidency.

"If President Clinton were impeached and removed from office," he said, "public opinion presumably would have had to change as a consequence of the Senate trial sufficiently to swing those Democratic senators over to vote against him. The taint likely would extend to Gore." But could Mr. Gore spend 10 years as

president? That would mean that the Oval Office would have had a Democratic occupant for 16 years - the longest domination of the presidency by one party since the Roosevelt-Truman vears. Mr. Mann said he doubted the Democrats could do that.

"A collection of grievances accumulates with a sitting administration," he said. "Times turn, the economy sours, the public finally throws the ras-

#### Senators Back States On Tobacco Funds

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of senators vowed Thursday that they would promote legislation to thwart a federal effort to take a share of the \$246 billion in settlements reached by the states with the tobacco industry.

The Washington state attorney general, Christine Gregoire, said the states would sue the federal government "the first time a penny is deducted" from the

The federal government's claim to part of the settlement is "absolutely wrong, and we're going to fight it every step of the way," said Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, Republican of

She joined Bob Graham, Democrat of Florida; Slade Gorton, Republican of Washington; Evan Bayh, Democrat of Indiana, and George Voinovich, Republican of Ohio, in voicing their sup-

The-federal government was not involved in the lawsuits by four states that won \$40 billion from the tobacco industry nor the settlement last autumn in which the other 46 states won \$206 billion, Senator Graham stressed.

#### POLITICAL NOTES

#### Republicans Likely To Keep Chairman

WASHINGTON - They said he was a poor communicator. They said he had no vision. They said he doesn't do so hot on relevision.

But many Republican National Committee members say they expect Chairman Jim Nicholson will be reelected anyway when the votes are cast at the party's general session Friday. Even some of those who have been critical said they'll vote for Mr. Nicholson, at least partly because they're not convinced that his opponent, Tom Slade, the Florida party chairman, is the answer.

Mr. Slade, who has had success building his party into a dominant force in Florida, has strong support across the South but little elsewhere, several sources said.

We've received 118 written endorsements" out of 165 Republican National Committee voting members, said Chris DePaula, Mr. Nicholson's campaign manager. "But we're ab-solutely taking nothing for granted." Whatever his faults, Mr. Nicholson

has been far too good a fund-raiser and manager to dump, supporters said.
But even if Mr. Nicholson, 60, wins re-election, he faces continued scru-

there is large room for improvement," the Michigan party chairwo-man, Betsy DeVos, said Wednesday. "Especially on the agenda, the issues and how things are going to hap-

#### Clinton Spells Out Education Initiative

WASHINGTON — Back home following a campaign-style trip to sell his 1999 legislative agenda, President Bill Clinton on Thursday gave the details of education proposals aimed at helping schools hire more teachers and

ensure they are qualified to teach.

Amy Weiss, a White House spokeswoman, said the initiatives would enable schools to "attract talented, well-prepared teachers into our classrooms.

In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, Mr. Clinton called on all states to require new teachers to pass performance exams, and said instructors should have at least minored in the area they teach. Today, 38 states require teachers to take tests to measure their knowledge before they can

receive a teaching certificate. Thursday's announcement included:

 A \$200 million increase over this year's spending on Mr. Clinton's initiative to fund the hiring of 100.000 new teachers to reduce class size in

grades one to three.
• \$35 million for scholarships for outstanding students who pledge to become teachers in impoverished school districts.

 \$18 million to extend the Troopsto-Teachers program, which trains retired military personnel to teach in

public schools • A new \$10-million program to recruit and train 1,000 American Indian teachers who commit to teach in

areas heavily populated by Indians. "He's proposing a lot of things that sound appealing." Lisa Fornaris, a third-grade teacher at Kings Park Ele-mentary School in Fairfax County. Virginia, said in an interview Wednesday. "But it tends to get political. and it's important to hear what the parents have to say and what the teachers and students need." (AP)

#### Quote/Unquote

Former Vice President Dan Quayle as he prepares to outline his plan to seek the Republican nomination for the presidency in 2000: "It's going to tiny from other party officials. be different for me this time around, "I am for Jim Nicholson, but I think running for president. I will be in control. My agenda. My campaign.



Dan Quayle: Different this time.

## Colombian Peace Process Set Back by Rebels' Exit

Leftists Quit Talks to Protest Militia Killings

By Serge F. Kovaleski Washington Post Service

BOGOTA - The announcement by the most powerful rebel group in Colombia that it is suspending peace talks with the government came as a bitter disappointment to Colombians who regarded the nascent peace process as perhaps the best hope yet for ending the civil war in their country.

Less than two weeks after President Andres Pastrana and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia began talks in the town of San Vicente del Caguan, the leftist guerrilla group declared it was pulling out of the talks until the government cracks down on rightist paramilitary "death squads."

The announcement was made Tuesday after rightist militiamen in five provinces killed 140 people whom they accused of sympathizing with the guer-rillas. The rebel group says the military was involved in the massacres - an accusation that military leaders deny.

Saying he was "surprised and disconcerted" by the rebels' decision, the presidential peace envoy, Victor Ri-cardo, insisted Wednesday that Bogota is doing all it can to reign in the mi-

Since taking office in August, Mr. Pastrana has staked much of his national and international prestige on ending the 34-year war, in which tens of thousands have died and nearly a million have been displaced. To build confidence among the rebels, Mr. Pastrana withdrew troops last autumn from a huge area of southeastern Colombia.

Mr. Pastrana also met President Fidel Castro of Cuba recently in Havana and is believed to have solicited his help in dealing with the rebels, who control an estimated 40 percent of the countryside. But with the announcement Tuesday, the high expectations surrounding the peace initiative have given way to disappointment and fear,

We consider it necessary to freeze the talks and leave our proposals on the table until we see satisfactory results in the fight against the paramilitaries," the rebel group said.

The announcement prompted the delay until next week of separate talks that had been planned for Wednesday on a rebel proposal to exchange 452 imprisoned rebels for more than 350 captive soldiers and police officers.

Meanwhile, government officials said Wednesday that the issue of militia groups should be treated separately from the peace talks. Officials also said they would send negotiators to the next round of talks, scheduled for Sunday and Monday, even though the rebels

have said they will not participate. Raul Reyes, a rebel leader, described Colombian political and business leaders as "silent accomplices" of death squads for failing to speak out against their latest abuses. We Colombians are drowning in blood from the slaughter of the unarmed civilian population by paramilitaries in coordination with the military," he said.

The armed forces have long been accused by human rights groups and others of supporting death squads.

Mr. Pastrana said this week that a

special military unit would be created to pursue the estimated 5,000 militiamen, who operate in an alliance known as the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia with the support of wealthy landowners. The militia members say they defend citizens against kidnapping. extortion and murders by rebels.

"What is lacking here are clear steps by the Pastrana administration to dismantle and isolate these groups as part of an overall peace strategy, "said Jose Miguel Vivanco of Human Rights Watch.

## **AMERICAN TOPICS**

**Away From Politics** 

An outsider breached the Internet security of the U.S.

Information Agency last week, knocking its Web site out of

action and forcing the agency to re-evaluate its computer protection, a USIA official said. The hacker diverted users

A Florida judge sentenced an armored-car guard to 25 years in prison. Philip Noel Johnson, 35, was convicted of

robbing his own company of \$19 million. The defendant

sobbed and apologized to his victims, saying he pulled off the higgest cash heist in U.S. history because he wanted to

to other locations before dismantling the site.

A TV-Homogenized America? Listen to the Babel of Accents

Those who lament the largely TV-driven homogenization of America can take heart in recent linguistic research. Local accents are growing stronger than ever in some parts of the country, a University of Pennsylvania linguistic

team has found in a three-year study.

The research flies in the face of theories that an increasingly transient population, immigra-tion from abroad, and the omnipresent mass media are cating away at dialects and accents,

according to U.S. News & World Report. "In almost every city there is active change in pronunciation," said the Pennsylvania team leader, William Labov. "The dialects of Chicago, New York, Birmingham and St. Louis are much more different from each other than they ever were.'

• The federal government has taken title to 10,000 acres

(4,000 hectares) of desert land overlooking Joshua Tree National Park, the first installment in a deal aimed at

marks the boundary between the golf greens of Palm Springs and arid mountains where bighorn sheep are fast disappearing.

Mark Arlo Sheppard, 27, was executed by injection in Jarratt, Virginia. He was convicted in the shootings of Richard and Rebecca Rosenbluth but insisted that he was

Thus, in Chicago and Detroit the word Ked (as in the sneaker) now sounds more like "cud." And "pat" sounds like "piat." In Birmingham, Alabama and Tulsa, Oklahoma, Ked sounds more like "kid" or "key-ed." In Philadelphia, the letter "l" is disappearing from words like "dollar." So you would ask a shoe salesman not for a pair of New Balance shoes, but for "New Bounce." And the Boston accent ("pahk the cah in Hahvahd Yahd") remains healthy.

Southerners cling to their distinctly Dixie pronunciations, Mr. Labov's team found, though in cities like Dallas and Atlanta mi-

gration from the North has affected accents. Young people refer to themselves as "I," not the traditional "Ah."

The strength of regional accents is comforting to many. It ensures "cultural variety within our larger civilization," said Alan Jabbour of the Library of Congress. "If we're all doing the same thing, where does the innovation come from?"

#### Short Takes

One of the more ambitious recycling projects in New York City is in one of the least likely addresses: Rikers Island, home to 10 jails and 16,000 inmates. Its prisoners run New York's largest community garden, harvesting 30,000 pounds of vegetables a year, which they grow with the help of compost from six tons of food scraps and packaging a day.

Immate-gardeners (guards keep close count

on the shears and pitchforks) take classes on | recruiting goal for the first time since 1973. garden design, plant care and other horticultural topics. There is a Zen meditation pond, an ornamental grass garden and a native woodlands area, The New York Times reports.

Officials hope lessons learned in the program will help inmates find work when they are released, and help the city meet its goal of eventually composting all its garbage. That might be a good thing for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who recently found himself in hot water after suggesting that the people of Virginia should be happy to get the thousands of tons of waste that his city now trucks to that state each day.

The navy, confronting a shortage of sailors, will lower its educational standards for recruits. It had required that 95 percent of new recruits have high school diplomas; that will be lowered to 90 percent. Last year the navy fell short of its

enlisting 12 percent fewer recruits than it needed. Some ships had to put to sea with less than full crews. The shortages are attributed to the booming economy, and to a rise in the number of young people who go straight to college after completing high school.

A Maine college is trying to prove that its degrees are worth the money, even if students do not find jobs immediately upon graduation. If a graduate is still unemployed six months after commencement, Thomas College will pay off a year's worth of the student's federally subsidized loans, reports The Chronicle of Higher Education. Graduates are, of course, required to have made a "reasonable effort" to find a job.

Brian Knowlton

He Says 'Reconciliation' Also Must Proceed

By Seth Mydans

PHNOM PENH - Prime Minister Hun Sen confirmed Thursday to the United Nations that he supported its efforts to create a tribunal to try Khmer Rouge leaders. But he raised questions about the scope of a tribunal that could complicate these efforts.

In a letter to Secretary-General Kofi Annan of the United Nations, Mr. Hun Sen also insisted that any proceeding not threaten Cambodia's newly achieved peace and its efforts at national reconciliation.

The two topics, to seek a formula for the trial and national reconciliation.

## **Indonesia Flies** Reinforcements To Riot Area

JAKARTA — Hundreds of police and troops were flown into an eastern Indonesian province Thursday to conmol riots between Christians and Muslims in which at least 20 people

have died. A total of 750 police and army troops reinforced the 1.000 local police, army and navy personnel in Maluku Province, while another 200 were expected from East Java and Bali, the police

About 5,000 people, including ethnic Chinese, have sought shelter at police headquarters in the provincial capital of Ambon, where the disturbances erupted Tuesday as Indonesia marked the Eid al Fitt festival at the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

"More people are still being picked up by security forces to be taken into the headquarters as they have lost their homes," an officer said

"There are still small jolts, but they are mostly on the rim of the city center and security personnel are both monitoring and handling the cases so that they do not spread further," the Maluku police chief. Colonel Karyono, told the Antara news agency.

Colonel Karyono said the violence had spread to the western Maluku island of Sulabesi, 300 kilometers (185 miles) northwest of Ambon, where two people died, two others were severely injured and 33 buildings damaged.

Two places of worship were also damaged in Piru, on the island of Seram, 66 kilometers north of Ambon, he said, without clarifying whether they were churches or mosques.

Colonel Karyono said 18 people were killed and 34 seriously injured in Ambon. Eight places of worship, two markets, a shopping center, an inn, a movie damaged, and 18 cars. 25 motorcycles and hundreds of pedicabs torched, he added.

Colonel Karoyono said that among the security forces deployed were a battalion from the Kostrad army special force and a police mobile brigade company from Ujungpandang, South Sulawesi.

must be taken into consideration simultaneously, without intending to prioritize one over another," he said.

A team of three legal experts is due to present Mr. Annan next month with its recommendations for a possible trial, and some of Mr. Hnn Sen's questions about its form - international or national, a mix of both, or some other form of tribunal - are questions they must

Potentially more troubling questions, which also have been raised by the Khmer Rouge themselves, have to do with whether any proceeding would consider possible crimes committed by other leaders or nations in the years before and

after the Khmer Rouge were in power. More than a million Cambodians died during the Khmer Rouge years, from 1975 to 1979. Many others died in war-fare that preceded and followed that

Calling the events from 1970 to 1998 "an inseparable set of facts," Mr. Hun Sen insisted, "Whatever the court will be, it has to look into related causes and effects from the beginning to the end."

Mr. Annan's representative, Thomas Hammarberg, who met with Mr. Hun Sen on Thursday morning, said the prime minister had not appeared to be making a condition of these concerns. Mr. Hammarberg said it had been

firmly established for some time that the trial in question would consider only "the crimes of Khmer Rouge leaders from 1975 to 1979. He said he had asked Mr. Hun Sen

whether his references to a broader time frame amounted to a condition for the holding of a trial and said the answer was "no, there is no such condition." "If one wants to raise other issues

and address other crimes, that will have to be through other tribunals or trials." said Mr. Hammarberg, a Swedish dip-lomat who is the UN special repre-

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Her confession to the Viet-

namese-backed government that ousted

the Khmer Rouge says she assisted and

sometimes administered torture, includ-

ing electric shocks. "We used the shocks until people died," she is quoted

The stories she now tells, in con-

versations last August and this month in

this tiny riverside village 50 kilometers

(30 miles) south of Phnom Penh, have

cleaning the interrogation rooms -

sweeping, arranging chairs, putting out

glasses of water - she stops short of her

And though she insists on her per-

sonal innocence, she describes in know-

that she, like many of even the cruelest

young, barely literate farmer who was

recruited, indoctrinated and terrorized

earlier confession that she took part.

their deaths in a killing field.

Though she admits setting up and

become more complex. ...

route to their deaths.

as saving.

DISPUTED REEF - Concrete structures being built by China on Mischief Reef in the South China Sea are shown in a reconnaissance photo distributed by the Philippine Air Force. Manila said Thursday that it would seek help from other nations in its dispute with Beijing over the reef in the Spratly Islands.

sentative to Cambodia on human rights. 'I got the impression this is not something where there is a misunderstanding between the United Nations and the prime minister," he said.

Mr. Hammarberg also said he had told Mr. Hun Sen he believed that there was "no conflict in principle" between

justice and peace.
"In fact," he said, "experience from other countries is that if you sweep problems of this magnitude, such injustices, under the carpet, you run the risk of risking the peace in the future. It is a difficult task, and I think the government should be respected on that aspect. It will not be easy. But they have stated to me very clearly that they are behind this process."

The challenge faced by the United Nations now, he said, is to find a formula that will answer the needs of both Cambodia, which is still suffering from the brutalities of the Khmer Rouge years, and the international community, which demands justice for crimes against humanity.

He said any proceedings would have to be "absolutely watertight when it comes to judicial standards, with no opening whatsoever for political or oth-

**CAMBODIA:** Should Collaborators of Genocide Be Punished?

into unquestioning and even enthusi-astic obedience. "They had political

meetings, but I didn't understand anv-

thing they said," Mrs. Neang Kin said.

"Wherever they asked me to go, I went. They were O.K., but they were brutal

when you did something wrong. Some-times I spilled rice and the group leader

hit me with a flashlight. He hit, and hit,

for those who have performed atrocities

throughout history: Why did she not

"You would say one word against them,

As one of the leading pursuers of those responsible for the Khmer Rouge atrocities, Mr. Youk Chhang wrestles

with questions of culpability, respon-

simply refuse?

and they would kill you.

sibility and humanity.

She was asked the question that is key

They would kill you. I she replied.

er pressure." He said the proceedings must be ones that "cannot be questioned afterward as lacking in professionalism and impartiality.

A tribunal will also play a vital educational role, he said, in a society that must learn to break the patterns of the past, including what he called a "culture of implinity

He said he favored a trial - even one followed by a pardon - rather than a 'truth commission' similar to the one that is addressing the abuses of apartheid in South Africa.

"I don't think that is a good model for Cambodia," he said. "An exercise of giving confession is not enough in the context of the crimes that took place in Cambodia in the 1970s."

In addition, he said, the abuses of the present cannot be properly addressed while past abuses remain unexamined. He made reference to the recent ar-

rests of two Cambodian human-rights workers who had advised residents of Sihanoukville who were protesting the dumping there of toxic wastes.

Although a court granted bail Wednesday to the two men pending a trial, Mr. Hammarberg said the arrests had sent a chill through the country's hard-

inhumane. Her conscience was dulled

by the government. Who was she to object?" At the same time, he said.

She still seems to be very proud of her

He said cases like hers could chal-

body." Mr. Youk Chhang said of the

former cadres. "But what if there is a

They all say they didn't kill any-

discipline, of her ability to carry out

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lenge any tribunal.

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In his message to Mr. Annan, Mr. Hun Sen noted that with the surrenders last month of two top Khmer Rouge leaders, Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea, "the threats of the return of the genocidal regime that was in existence within the past 20 years have come to an end."

The challenge now, he said, is to rebuild society, a process Cambodians are calling national reconciliation.

National reconciliation and peace are indispensable requirements of the Cambodian nation and people," he said, and the trials of offenders to find justice for Cambodia are the goal and obligation to be fulfilled."

Mr. Hun Sen has voiced a variety of views regarding a trial. When the two Khmer Rouge leaders

surrendered a month ago, he embraced them and proclaimed that the nation should "dig a hole and bury the past." The two men then met with reporters and suggested that the world "let bygones be bygones." In the face of international anger over these statements. Mr. Hun Sen then issued a statement insisting that he had always supported a trial and continued to do so.



neighbors, perhaps that will be bad. But it will be to a good end. To cure pain, you have to go through pain."

There are countless people like Mrs. Neang Kin in Cambodia, living quiet lives among their victims, their backgrounds often well known to neighbors.

Mrs. Neang Kin may simply have been, in Mr. Youk Chhang's phrase, "a human being caught up in events." But she was one of the thousands of people whose failure to say no made the atrocities possible. A daughter of a peasant landowner with a high school education, she said she was forced to work for

## India Hindus Halt **Protest on Cricket**

BRIEFLY

BOMBAY - Rightist Hindus, under pressure from the government, called off a violent campaign Thursday aimed at halting the Pakistan cricket ream's first tour of India in more than a decade.

Bal Thackeray, leader of the Shiv Sena Party, ended the protest campaign after meeting with the federal police minister. Lal Krishna Advani, just hours before the Pakistani team was due to arrive under tight security.
Mr. Thackeray's followers said

they would obey his instructions. "His word is the final word for

us." a Shiv Sena leader. Jai Bhagwan Goyal, was quoted as telling the Press Trust of India news agency. Mr. Goyal had taken responsibility for damaging the New Delhi stadium where one of the five-day India-Pakistan test matches will be played starting next

#### Singapore Campus Expels Politician

SINGAPORE - An opposition politician challenging free speech restrictions was told to leave the National University campus Thursday after more than 100 students gathered to hear him.

Chee Soon Juan, who faces trial next month on charges of speaking without a police permit in Singa-pore's central business district, told the students he would respect the university's ban on his talk because it is a privately funded venue.

As he handed out 300 leaflets containing his intended speech, a university official and then a police officer told him to leave the cam-

#### Beijing Opposes U.S. Envoy to Tibet

BELIING - The Chinese Foreign Ministry said Thursday that it 'staunchly opposed" the appointment of Julia Taft as the new U.S. coordinator for Tibetan affairs.

Sun Yuxi, a ministry spokesman. said that Tibet was an inalienable part of Chinese territory and that Tibetan issues were purely internal affairs which no other country had the right to interfere with. (AFP)

#### Airport Protester 🐇 In Japan Dies at 84

TOKYO - Toichi Shito, 84. a farmer who for more than 30 years stood in the way of plans to expand Japan's main international airpon. died Thursday of heart failure.

Mr. Shito died the owner of land the government wants to turn into a second runway for Narita Airport ontside Tokyo. His oldest son, Takao, 48, who will inherit the land, pledged to continue farming it, according to the Kyodo news service.

#### "She was just an uneducated peasant ledgeable detail the nighttime departheater and 89 houses were burned or tures of large dark trucks, "very quietly. girl living on a farm," he said. "Sudconvict, and some remain strong," Pin with a small flashing light," that carried denly she was working in the prison the stripped and handcuffed prisoners to

system, part of the machine that was killing people. She was a human being Whatever her actions, it seems clear caught up in events, but what she was caught up in was inhuman. She is legally responsible for what happened there. Khmer Rouge executioners, was a

living witness, a victim of hers? What if someone comes forward and says, 'I want you to arrest this person; she killed my sister. How will the court re-And how will the nation respond?

The possibility that even a carefully limited tribunal could set off nationwide recriminations and score-settlings even fighting — worries some. "I know Khmer Rouge are bad and

are criminals, but there are too many to Sisovann, an editor, wrote in The Cambodia Daily this month. "The international tribunal will never be able to make it fair and just."

To safeguard the living, he wrote, "It is better not to find justice for the dead." 'It's hard for ignorant people to un- Mr. Youk Chhang's response is: "If derstand what is humane and what is people begin pointing fingers at their

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BONN — Germany took the wraps off a compromise American design for a Holocaust memorial in Berlin on Thurs-

day, hoping to end a bitter dispute over

how to remember the millions of Jews

who died in Nazi death camps during

York architect Peter Eisenman did little

to silence the 10-year-long debate be-

tween supporters of a somber monu-

ment and advocates of a Holocaust mu-

seum similar to those in Washington

"My hope is that Parliament will opt for the project," Culture Minister Mi-chael Naumann said, unveiling a model

chancellor supports it."

The final word on the matter does not

lie with Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, but with members of Parliament, who

Is Ocalan in Russia?

Officials Are Looking

MOSCOW - The Foreign Ministry

said Thursday that it had no information

about reports that the Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan was hiding at an

airbase in Russia, but security services

ish media reports Wednesday that Mr.

Ocalan was hiding in Russia and was

The Russian response followed Turk-

Asked if Russia would be willing to

provide sanctuary for Mr. Ocalan, the

Foreign Ministry spokesman declined

Meanwhile, the speaker of the Turk-

ish Parliament, Hikmet Cetin, said that

Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov of

Russia had reassured him that it would

Ocalan to find refuge on Russian ter-

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#### **EUROPE**

# Germany Holds Firm In Nuclear Waste Rift

It Refuses to Compensate Britain and France

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT — German tensions with France and Britain over Bonn's ban on nuclear-waste treatment continued to escalate Thursday.

Clinging to a position that has already sharply irritated London and Paris, the German environment minister, Juergen Trittin, told Parliament he would refuse to compensate nuclear waste reprocessing plants in France and Britain. They stand to lose billions of dollars in business under the phased withdrawal

## **Sudden Exit** Of Top Liberal Harms Blair's Plan for Unity

By Tom Buerkle tional Herald Tribune

LONDON - As a Labour leader with an overwhelming parliamentary majority, Prime Minister Tony Blair has surprised and dismayed many members of his party by attempting to forge a lasting form of cooperation, verging on coalition, with the third party in Britain, the Liberal Democrats.

But after weeks of mounting Labour criticism over the cooperation, Mr. Blair's efforts to redraw British political boundaries suffered an unexpected low with the sudden resignation of Paddy Ashdown as leader of the Liberal

Democrats. The announcement by Mr. Ashdown late Wednesday opened the way for a leadership bid by a younger generation of Liberal politicians more critical of government policies and wary of too close an association with Labour.

It also underscored the fact that for all of Mr. Blair's promises of cooperation, he has failed to commit himself to introducing proportional representation in Parliament or to joining the euro, the Liberals' two biggest aims.

The resignation was greeted with delight by Labour opponents of cooperation. Since Mr. Blair decided in and British Nuclear Fuels about £1.2 November to give the Liberals a say on billion (\$1.9 billion). stitutional reform, several leading La-bour Party members, including Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, have

openly criticized the arrangement.

As a result, many politicians and analysts were speaking of Mr. Ashdown's move as a potentially fatal blow to what aides of Mr. Blair call "the project," a permanent rapprochement of Liberals and Labour that could allow a nonsocialist center-left to dominate British politics at the beginning of the 21st century just as the Conservative Party

dominated this century.

Mr. Blair insisted Thursday that he remained determined to pursue cooperation with the Liberals. "People want a new form of politics not stuck in rigid tribal boundaries," he said. "For that reason, I have no doubt that what myself and Paddy Ashdown have built up over the year will remain.'

Mr. Ashdown also spoke of a "compelling logic" for continued cooperition, but he drew attention to policy hifferences by promising to use the time before he stepped down in June to press Mr. Blair on proportional representation

and the euro.

He is unlikely to make much headway. Mr. Blair has repeatedly ruled out holding a referendum on the euro before the next general election, expected in 2001 or 2002. And although he set up a commission that recently proposed introducing proportional representation in Parliament, which could give the Liberals a swing role in European-style coalition governments, he has carefully refused to endorse the idea.

"I don't think there's a cat in hell's chance of getting proportional representation," Dennis Skinner, a Labour member of Parliament, said. couldn't get through the House of Commons, and it couldn't get through a referendum.

The Liberal leadership appeared likely to pass to a younger generation. Mr. Ashdown has indicated support for 'Nick Harvey, 37, the party's campaign chief, who is a supporter of cooperation with Labour. But two other leading candidates, Charles Kennedy and Simon Hughes, have criticized the recent decision to extend cooperation into for-

eign policy.

Whoever wins will inherit a party transformed during the decade-long leadership of Mr. Ashdown. The former marine commando and diplomat took over a party in ruins after the collapse of its alliance with the now-defunct Social Democrats in 1988.

The Liberals were briefly pushed out of third place by the small Green Party before recovering on the strength of grass-roots members. The party captured 46 seats in the House of Commons in the 1997 election, its best result in 70 years, and it currently holds more local council seats than the Conservatives. But Mr. Ashdown will be missed,

particularly because much of the cooperation between Liberals and Labour was based on a personal relationship between Mr. Blair and Mr. Ashdown.

"Ashdown's political seniority gave him a quasi-equality with Blair that no successor will get near," the political columnist Hugo Young wrote in The Guardian.

from nuclear energy undertaken by the new leftist German government.

France and Britain warned Germany that its ban on reprocessing spent fuel, which goes into effect next January, would violate binding, long-term con-tracts with British Nuclear Fuels PLC and the French state-owned reprocessing firm Cogema.

Germany has no plants to reprocess the fuel from its own reactors. Prime Minister Lionel Jospin of France insisted Thursday that Germany "appropriate compensation," saying Germany must honor international

agreements There is no reason to pour oil on the fire, but we have every reason to defend our legitimate interests," Mr. Jospin

The issue threatens to strain German relations with the two major European partners just as Bonn has assumed the rotating six-month presidency of the European Union.

In Paris this week, the German foreign minister, Joschka Fischer, a member of the anti-nuclear Greens, said he hoped the reprocessing issue would not damage French-German ties.

"There is no legal basis for compensation claims in the event there is a law change banning reprocessing," Mr. Trittin told legislators,

Mr. Trittin, the environment minister and also a leader in the Greens, said the election of a new government and creation of new laws amount to a force majeure, a term typically used in the energy industry when violent storms interrupt oil deliveries.

Fuel-reprocessing contracts represent private sector business and not international treaties, the Environmental Ministry argued.

Mr. Trittin shuttled between France

and England this week but was unable to resolve the dispute.

The French industry secretary, Christian Pierret, rejected a compromise proposal by Mr. Trittin.

Under the proposal, Germany could give Cogema replacement business to package and prepare hundreds of tons of improcessed fuel so it could be shipped back to Germany, which would have to accept the return of its spent fuel if it broke the contracts.

"It is not a serious proposal," Mr. Pierret said. "Compensation should be the logical conclusion of Germany's

Cogema stands to lose an estimated

as far as the year 2014. The trade rift comes just ahead of a round of "consensus talks" that will

begin Tuesday in Bonn. Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder hopes to find a common approach with industry on the government's pledge to phase out the 19 German nuclear plants as quickly as possible. Industry argues

that withdrawal could take 20 to 40

Initially, the political fallout was limited to Mr. Schroeder's two-party coalition of Social Democrats and Greens, but tensions quickly spread.



A FALLEN HERO — A woman in Varna, Bulgaria, scrubbing a statue of Lenin, the Russian Bolshevik revolutionary, on Thursday, the 75th anniversary of his death. The statue was pulled down in 1992.

## Russian Reporter's Treason Trial Opens

VLADIVOSTOK — A Russian journalist went on trial before a military court in this eastern port city Thursday, charged with high treason for his reporting on radioactive pollution caused by the Russian Pacific Fleet, the Interfax press agency said.

The closed-door proceedings against Grigori Pasko, a Pacific Fleet captain who had become a military correspondent, drew protests from human rights groups, which denounced the trial as a cover-up of hemous ecological crimes.

No details of the first day of the hearing were divulged, news agencies reported, but lawyers for Mr. Pasko insisted that their client was a victim of twisted justice.

There is no evidence that Pasko is guilty of the crime he is being charged one of his lawyers, Oleg Kotlyarov, was quoted by Interfax as saying. The investigation was biased. The charges are based on assumptions by

ecutor's office of the Pacific Fleet.' Mr. Pasko, 34, was arrested Nov. 20, 1997, and accused by the Federal Security Service, the body that replaced the KGB, of "high treason in the form of espionage," without indicating what country it believed was benefiting from

his alleged crime. Mr. Pasko reported with the Japanese television channel NHK and the Tokyo daily Asahi Shimbun on the dumping of radioactive and chemical waste in the

Mr. Pasko has been held in solitary detention in a Vladivostok prison for 20

In a recent letter he said he was suffering from headaches and swollen limbs and that he feared catching tuberculosis.

The naval tribunal in charge of the inquiry has refused to transfer Mr. Pasko to house arrest, and he was not allowed to see his wife. Galina, until he

The case is similar to an investigation of Alexander Nikitin, a former naval officer accused of divulging to a Norwegian environmental group state secrets concerning the dangers posed by Russian nuclear submarines. During Mr. Nikitin's trial in St. Petersburg last year, the judge ruled that the charges against the officer were vague and ordered a new investigation.

The international organization Journalists Without Borders urged the authorities Wednesday to free Mr. Pasko immediately. The group argued that his activities are protected by Article 10 of the European Convention of Human Rights on the right to freedom of ex-

The group also argued that information allegedly passed on by Mr. Pasko was mostly public knowledge. Human rights observers meanwhile

are demanding that the trial be opened to

## Riots Flare in Athens

ATHENS - Demonstrators clashed with riot police and hurled firebombs, flares and rocks Thursday during another protest march by students de-manding the repeal of education re-

Over School Reforms

Some store windows were shattered and vehicles were damaged, including a municipal van that went up in flames. Several injuries were reported in the third student demonstration in a week. Riot police fired tear gas and battled with groups of protesters at various unis around central Athens, and least 25 people were arrested, the police

An estimated 500 of the country's 3,140 state high schools remain occupied by students after two months of protests against a stricter high school exam system.

Students were joined in the protest Thursday by teachers, who held a threehour work stoppage and plan a 24-hour strike Monday. Teachers are also demanding cancellation of the reforms, which are designed to bring Greece's educational system more in line with those of other EU nations. (AP)

## **British Doctors Rebel Over Rationing of Viagra**

LONDON — State-employed docthe anti-impotence drug Viagra for all patients in clinical need of it.

Health Secretary Frank Dobson issued new guidelines Thursday allowing doctors in the National Health Service to distribute free Viagra only to patients with specified medical conditions. But the British Medical Association

said doctors should ignore the official instructions and prescribe the drug to all patients suffering from impotence. But later Thursday, John Chisholm, head of an association committee,

said: "At the moment Viagra is a drug

that is legally prescribable, and we

their patients' clinical needs. Theretors in Britain were advised by their fore if GPs feel that their patients are in professional association Thursday to need of Viagra, we believe they should h mrescriptions on the NHS," he said, referring to general practitioners.

Mr. Chisholm said the advice to

doctors applied to "interim guidance" for the six-week consultation period that the health secretary had ordered for his new guidelines.

Mr. Dobson defended the decision to ration the drug as necessary to save resources in the state-run health service, which is strapped for funds. "We have to find a sensible balance between treating men with a distressing condition and protecting the resources of the NHS to deal with other patients, for

believe that GPs should be meeting example, with cancer, heart disease and mental health problems," he said. The diamond-shaped blue pill, which helps seven out of 10 impotent work eight times out of 10, sells for

around £5 (\$8) a tablet. Under the government's new guidelines, the drug is to be available to sufferers from impotence because of radical pelvic surgery or a spinal cord injury and to those whose pro-state had been removed. Diabetics, multiple sclerosis sufferers and people with single gene neurological diseases

would also qualify.

Mr. Dobson said his guidelines should keep health service spending on impotence at the current level of £10 million to £12 million a year.

A rebel fighter in Kosovo, which has been under assault by Serbian police units and the army, taking a stroll with his child as Belgrade and foreign powers discussed the crisis over the largely ethnic Albanian area.

#### ARMS: U.S. Plan for Defense System Will Kill Treaty, Experts Say vironmental Studies in Moscow, said draft legislation in the Duma to acand they didn't. Which means they just Continued from Page 1

missile defense. The initial Kremlin re-action Thursday was low-key, with ad-visers saying they were studying the letter while Mr. Yeltsin is in the hospital for a stomach ulcer.

But several specialists said the move would provoke a negative reaction in Russia. Dmitri Trenin, deputy director of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Moscow Center, said there was a growing anti-American sen-timent, and START-2 ratification could be the first casualty.

The whole window of opportunity for START-2 that opened up last year has now closed," he said.

Alexei Podberiozkin, a Communist Party member of Parliament who recently decided to support START-2 ratification, said the U.S. decision to build a missile defense system could be the death knell of the strategic arms treaty.

"Certainly it will make ratification of START-2 impossible," he said. "But we don't know how far this decision goes beyond the ABM Treaty," he added. "It must be studied carefully." Paul Podvig, a researcher at the Cen-

company the START-2 ratification already stipulated that the United States must stick by the ABM Treaty. "It will be very difficult to get START-2 ratified if the United States is serious about changing the ABM Treaty," he said.
"The reaction to this kind of pro-

posal, from the Duma, politicians, and the military, will be very negative," he added. "When Cohen said that if Russia doesn't play along, we will withdraw -that, in these circumstances right now, is not the kind of statement that will be taken lightly here."

"I have an impression that the United States has given up on START-2," Mr. Podvig said. "They see that the chances to get it ratified by the Duma are very small" and "that Russia is going to destroy our missiles with or without START-2. They see that Russia is going to reduce anyway, so why worry that

"The Duma got as close to ratification as it could" before the Iraq bombing, he said. "Everything was more or less in place. I think that somebody in the State Department or the administration should ter-for Arms Control, Energy and En- have thought about that, about timing,

■ Rogue Nation' Threat Cited

Dana Priest of the Washington Post

reported earlier from Washington: Defense Secretary William Cohen said the missile defense system was needed to respond to a growing missile threat from North Korea and other na-

"We are affirming that there is a threat, and the threat is growing, and that it will pose a danger not only to our troops overseas but also to Americans here at home," Mr. Cohen said Wednesday.

Because a workable missile defense system must still overcome daunting technological obstacles, Pentagon officials said a system probably could not be deployed until 2005, two years later than originally predicted.

Mr. Cohen pointed out that the U.S. system would not be able to shoot down he thousands of warheads that Russia could launch. "The limited national missile defense capability we are developing is focused primarily on countering rogue nation threats and will not be capable of countering Russia's nuclear deterrent," he said.

## KOSOVO: Truce Monitor Defies Milosevic

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cancel the Belgrade trip.
"It was decided at the moment it's

not a good idea to leave." Yugoslav officials assert that the slain ethnic Albanians were rebels who had been killed in battle and that their bodies were taken to one spot by other ethnic Albanians to create the appearance of a massacre.

The White House, meanwhile. warned that force might be necessary to restore stability in Kosovo following the latest report of a massacre of ethnic

"It is important for the stability of the region that the international community insist on Serb compliance, through the use of force if necessary," said the chief White House spokesman, Joe Lock-

Washington has demanded that Mr. Milosevic reduce the Serbian security presence in Kosovo, cooperate with a I'M war crimes tribunal and reverse his decision that Mr. Walker must leave the

In Washington, Mrs. Albright de-clared: "President Milosevic must meet his obligations by complying with UN resolutions, reducing the Serb security presence, cooperating with the War Crimes Tribunal and permitting the verification mission, including Ambas-

sador Walker, to operate unhindered." Mrs. Albright said the envoys were "making very clear that he cannot — that Milosevic can't choose who the head of this is going to be."

The diplomats were gambling that the threat of withdrawing the entire monitoring force might be enough to make Mr. Milosevic change his mind.
The monitors are in Kosovo to verify

compliance with the Oct. 12 agreement that ended seven months of fighting between government forces and ethnic Albanian rebels seeking independence from Serbia

But their presence is, in effect, an assurance to Mr. Milosevic that NATO will not go ahead with threatened air strikes to enforce the October agree-

Recalling incidents during the Bosnian War, when UN peacekeepers were taken hostage by Bosnian Serbs, NATO has drawn up plans to evacuate monitors

before any air strikes. The alliance has stationed a Frenchdonia to evacuate the verifiers if nec-

Ethnic Albanians form about 90 percent of the province's 2 million people. and most want independence. But divisions within the ethnic Albanian community have prevented any talks from taking place.

Furthermore, the United States and

the Europeans also oppose independence for the province, fearing it could lead to similar demands from ethnic Albanian communities elsewhere in the southern Balkans, thus spreading unrest and a potential for conflict.

Washington has proposed several formulas for limited self-rule, which both the ethnic Albanians and the government have rejected.

In Vienna, the U.S. representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, David Johnson, said Mr. Milosevic was largely responsbile for the crisis. "We must remind ourselves that, even if this problem is solved, it is a crisis that Milosevic created," he said. "To reward him for solving it would be foolish." (Reuters, AP)

#### 4 Die as U.K. Jet Hits Civilian Plane

EVERTON, England — Four people, including two Royal Air Force crewmen, were killed Thursday when an RAF Tornado fighter-bomber collided with a civilian light aircraft in midair. the police said.

Witnessed described how the lowflying two-man Tornado sliced through the Cessna single-engined plane, which was also carrying two people.

Both airplanes crashed to the ground and burst into flames. Wreckage was scattered over fields near the villages of Everton and Mattersey in central England, narrowly missing a school.

A witness, William Allen, said: "There was wreckage everywhere and there were some bodies, some of them

looked quite young."

Another witness, Beryl Peck, saw the planes collide. "The jet then disappeared behind some woods in a fireball," she said, "before there was a

An RAF spokesman said the jet had led rapid reaction force in nearby Mace- been based at nearby RAF Cottesmore.

massive explosion."

## **Engage With Russia**

#### Not Just a Problem

Russia figured in Bill Clinton's State of the Union speech only as a headache - a nuclear threat, a potential source of nuclear materials and technology falling into "the wrong hands." Mr. Clinton's concern and his proposal to spend more to safeguard Russia's nuclear weaponry are welcome. But they also show how far the U.S.-Russian relationship has slipped. Early in his presidency, Mr. Clinton saw Russia as a challenge and an opportunity. Now he describes it only as a problem to be managed. This is understandable but misguided.

Certainly Russia has not developed as President Clinton hoped in those early post-Soviet days. While the American economy has grown in each year of his presidency, Russia's has steadily declined. Its economy now accounts for little more than I percent of world economic activity, compared with a U.S. share of more than onefifth. With such an imbalance, the kind of equal partnership that Mr. Clinton and President Boris Yeltsin once spoke of is not conceivable. But it is wrong to assume that Russia's troubles are bound to last forever.

The Clinton administration finds it easy to justify engagement with the one-party dictatorship that runs China, not so much because China is important today but because it may grow into an economic and military powerhouse. How much more important, then, to engage with a struggling democracy such as Russia that also, over the long term, may develop into a constructive and prosperous player on

#### Reduce the Dangers

No investment in American national security has paid higher dividends than the \$2 billion that Washington has spent in the last eight years to help Russia and other former Soviet republics dismantle nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. President Bill Clinton was right, in his State of the Union address Tuesday night, to call for significantly increased spending on such programs.

Congress, including members who oppose other foreign aid to Russia, should approve this White House request in full.

There is no longer any threat of Russia deliberately attacking the United States. But Moscow's still formidable stocks of nuclear bombs, nuclear ingredients and biological and chemical warfare agents pose a different kind of danger.

Much of this material is inadequately secured, and the workers guarding it are paid poorly or not at all.

What does this mean in practice? Russia's most pressing international problem is its external debt. It cannot possibly meet its obligations this year, and creditor nations and banks are going to have to work out a rescheduling. The United States could take a leading role by urging that Sovier-era debt be written off. Without rewarding Russia's poor economic performance, this would underline America's hope and belief that post-Soviet, democratic Russia is a new nation in a new era.

The administration also should not act as though all is lost in Russia. Change has come so quickly that it is easy to forget the progress of just the past 10 years.

Political parties, a free press, environmental lobbies and other civic organizations, millions of Russians traveling abroad, all of this was unimaginable not long ago. Now, with some newfound freedoms under threat and Russia's economy reeling, support from the United States for grassroots democracy is all the more important. Student exchanges, business education, journalism training - these kinds of efforts matter now, and matter even more for the coming generation.

The Clinton administration faces many obstacles to a policy of engagement with Russia — its own disappointment, the suspicion of many in Congress, the counterproductive behavior of Russia's current rulers in many parts of the world. But those obstacles should not obscure the longer-term goals that remain. America's Russia policy has to consist of more than loose nukes, and Mr. Clinton has to lead the way.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

#### that some material could be sold to potential aggressors like Iraq, Libya, North Korea or Serbia.

Many Russian weapons scientists are unemployed or unpaid and vul-

nerable to foreign recruitment.

Some of the \$4.5 billion that the Clinton administration is requesting for the next five years would be used to speed the safe disposal of bomb plutonium and chemical and biological weapons stocks, and further improve security at storage sites.

Washington would add new defenses against smuggling by helping Russia to establish better border controls and export monitoring. There would also be an expansion of efforts to re-employ scientists in civilian

During the Cold War, the United States spent trillions of dollars to deter Russia from using its nuclear, biological and chemical weapons. It would not take much more than \$10 billion to eliminate most of the risks from those weapons today.

#### -THE NEW YORK TIMES. Good Times, for Now

The current U.S. economic expansion will soon enter its ninth year, making it the longest peacetime expansion in American history. But it is unusual in more ways than length, as Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, emphasized in congres-

sional testimony on Wednesday. Mr. Greenspan pointed to the unprecedented rise in stock prices. That has made it far cheaper and easier for American industry to raise capital, and it has contributed to a sense of wellbeing in the country. It also has led to President Bill Clinton's proposal to have some Social Security money go into stocks, an idea that Mr. Greenspan opposed out of fear of political influence in investment decisions.

As he pointed out, government statistics show that Americans are saving far less than in 1992, when Mr. Clinton was running for president and complaining about poor economic performance, but are much richer, as household net worth has risen by about 50 percent. That has stimulated consumption, which remained strong even when economists were most alarmed about the threats from Asia's recession.

Mr. Greenspan insisted that, when the Fed cut interest rates last fall, "we were not attempting to prop up equity prices." but he knows that this was one result, and he appears to be bothered by it. He warned that prices had risen further than profit growth would seem to justify. He voiced concern about the impact a falling stock market could have on consumer behavior and on the

economy, and warned that protectionist trade measures could severely damage investor confidence.

Mr. Greenspan, along with most economists, expects the American economy to slow this year, but he conceded that there is as yet little evidence that is happening. Most sectors are booming. The country's huge trade deficit has so far had little impact because foreigners have been willing to finance it. In a time of international financial turmoil, American investments have seemed attractive to many. even with interest rates low.

Sectors of the economy are suffering, largely the parts most sensitive to international weakness. Food prices are down substantially, hurting farmers. Producers of industrial materials such as steel are suffering from the reduced demand abroad, and many other manufacturers have seen orders and profits decline. But together, notes Robert Barbera, chief economist of Hoenig & Co., those sectors employ about 20 percent of the work force. The rest are doing well.

This economic recovery began slowly in 1991, and now is going very strongly. That is the reverse of the normal process, and has surprised economists. But that very lack of pre-dictability should make politicians hesitate as they decide what to do with the budget surpluses that have resulted. Assuming that the good times will continue indefinitely may be tempting, but it would also be foolish.

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# Learning to Steer the Forces of Globalization

W ASHINGTON — The unprecedented flow of private capital, ideas, technology, goods and services known as globalization has changed the world. Each day, well over a trillion dollars flows around the world, ex-

ceeding the value of trade by 60 times. The struggle to steer the forces of globalization will be one of the defining foreign policy priorities of the century to come.

By any measure, globalization is a net benefit to the United States and the world. Worldwide, the opening of once sheltered states and untapped markets has benefited nations and peoples from Seoul to Santiago and from Budapest to Botswana. Despite the current global economic crisis, real incomes in developing countries are still 50 percent higher than they were 15 years ago.

In 20 years, the poverty rate in Asia has been cut in half and more than 350 million people have been lifted out of destitution and hopelessness.

But today's crisis poses real chal-lenges to these gains. In Indonesia, real GDP last year was down about 15 percent, in Thailand more than 8 percent, and in South Korea 7 percent, from 1997 levels. What began as a By Stuart Eizenstat

currency crisis in Thailand quickly became an economic and political crisis that spread to the rest of East Asia, then on to Russia and now Latin America.

This global economic crisis has ex-acerbated fears in developing countries and could fuel a backlash against globalization. The optimistic notion only two years ago that the world was adopting dramatic economic liberalization as a model for economic and political development is under challenge.

Nowhere does this provide a greater risk than among the middle classes of some developing countries. They have been the backbone for democratic movements and economic reforms from the Philippines and Taiwan to South Korea and much of Latin America. If their confidence in economic liberalization is irrevocably shaken, it could have very dangerous and destabilizing impacts on the global economy of the 21st century.

The future of that economy lies in developing nations. They will be the markets for many goods and services. They may be America's partners in addressing global problems from nonproliferation to climate change.

We must prevent these nations from becoming marginalized. Otherwise it could lead to greater political instability and exacerbated inequality between the haves and have-nots of the world. By some measures, the ratio of income inequality between the world's richest 20 percent and the poorest 20 percent roughly doubled from 1960 to 1990.

In 1999, the difficult conditions in many developing economies will only heighten concerns about globalization. The world must not resort to protectionist measures in a fruitless attempt to stop globalization; but neither should we ignore its undeniable risks. The question is how to deal with this new and complex set of issues. The United States must help:

Restore faith in the global financial system. It is imperative to reforming the global financial architecture. As we develop these international reforms, it will be critical that we engage developing nations. They must feel an equity interest in the reforms.

Ensure that countries have social safety nets to help people weather the disruptions caused by globalization.

Improve cupacity building, in both-the social and the economic realms, among developing nations so that they can more broadly share the fruits of growth and maintain open and accountWhat Wo

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able political systems. Work to improve transparency, good governance and anti-corruption efforts so that aid, investment, loans and other

revenue are used productively. Stay the course on economic reform and trade liberalization. A relatively free flow of goods and services remains the best way to promote future eco-

nomic growth. But first we must help countries hun by the crisis to achieve stabilization as quickly as possible and implement the difficult structural reforms needed for economic recovery and growth. Only then can we restore confidence in the positive benefits of globalization.

The writer is U.S. undersceretary of state for economic, business and agricultural affairs. This comment was adapted by the International Herald Tribune from a speech in Washington on Tuesday to a conference sponsored by the Democratic Leadership Council and the Progressive Policy Institute.

## The Mood of Clinton's Union Is Practical and Upbeat

By Flora Lewis

NEW YORK — It is so "surreal" that some ed-itors have ruled out use of that word as tiresomely banal. But nobody is restraining the use of "historic," and that is just what it doesn't feel like. The sense of this American epoch is really more of an outlandish farce or melodrama, exciting but of no essential significance.

The president of the United States is charged with such grave dishonor that he must be removed from office. At the same time, that same president appears before both houses of Congress in solemn assembly to tell them of his plans for the country, which stretch as far as half a century ahead.

Of course, if Bill Clinton is convicted of perjury and ob-struction of justice and expelled, it would be historic beause that has not happened before in the United States. But it seems too far-fetched, considering the miserably pointless circumstances. What is more, the partisan arithmetic seems too impervious to argument -enough Republican votes (a majority) in the House to impeach

When it comes to public isand in the Senate to try, but not enough (two-thirds) to convict.

Mr. Clinton's State of the sues, rather than his personal misbehavior, Mr. Clinton does Union address was glowingly upbeat, full of confidence and not provide them with much of a rarget, while his easy, cheerful style, without a hint of dispromise. It focused on the medium and long term, five to 50 comfort, is masterly.

Still, one of the two mysteries about the whole Clinton scandal is why the hard-line right hates him so much. They do. They refer to him as Evil Incarnate. One analysis is that The two young congressmen chosen to respond on television for the majority party, Jennifer Dunn of Washington and Steve Largent of Oklahoma, had he has co-opted a lot of conservative issues - such as crime, middle-class problems with child care, poor education standards — and they feel he has stolen their birthright. But that doesn't explain enough.

In a way it is a repudiation of the left they abhor. There is also a rebound, a revenge, against those who epitomized the counterculture rebellion of the late-1960s and early 1970s, a kind of grim and satisfied conviction that so much defiance could

only come to a bad end.
The polls confirm the fact that the public at large does not share the indignation at all. Why?

That is the second mystery. The questions that pollsters usually ask don't help much. The answers tend to brush the surveys aside much more than to reveal the underlying thoughts of either the hard-liners or the

ecutors, while the typical or-dinary reaction is 'Oh, leave Surprisingly, Representative Dunn began her rebuttal to the president's speech by saying it was wrong to talk so much about crisis. "There isn't any crisis, Americans are sound. But that is the president's first

point. "The state of our union is

general public. The drama in the

atmosphere all seems artificial,

generated by media and pros-

strong," he said. So what is the fuss about? Probably most congressional Republicans are no more intense about it than their constiments, but the militant leadership has achieved a capacity for intimidation that keeps them from risking the charge of being

'soft'' or defecting. The situation has been compared to the period of Senator Joe McCarthy's fierce campaign against the Communists he professed to smell everywhere. It was enough to silence

even Dwight Eisenhower.

But the McCarthy era, which finally blew up in ridicule, was about something, an ideological crusade. It is very hard to say what the Lewinsky scandal is about, except by sniggering. Still, it has taken on a momentum of its own that makes the next weeks hard to predict.

The longer term is easier. As Mr. Clinton said in his speech, it has to be about Social curity, education and public debt, and nothing that is argued in his trial will make any real difference.

It was noticeable that he dwelt almost entirely on domestic social issues, with only a brief passing reference to foreign affairs and America's role in the world. He was defending himself, naturally, but he was also reflecting what is predominantly on the mind of Americans as the country enters the new century. Just getting on with life, nothing for the rest of the world to get upset about.

## This President's Legacy? It All Depends on His Trial in the Senat

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON — In 1992, Bill Clinton inter-Rickey Ray Rector in Arkansas. Rector had murdered two men and then turned the gun on himself. He was left lobotomized, apparently with no memory of his crime and no comprehension of his fate. At his last meal, he put aside a piece of his pecan pie -- for later.

I thought of Rector while watching Mr. Clinton deliver his State of the Union address. For later, he had a program for Social Security.

For later, he had more money for defense. For later, he would do this and that for education,

rupted his presidential cam- for the environment, for race kids, no matter what his en- show and stump any panel you he manufactured one. paign for the execution of relations, for the poor, for the emies say. He proves the virtue could choose. working man, for the nonworking woman, for minorities of all kinds, for peace anywhere and everywhere and for the United Nations. All this for a later that may never come.

years ahead, with no reference

at all to the immediate attempt

to cut him down. His lack of

embarrassment, contrition or

malaise infuriated his Repub-

nothing to offer but their claims

of personal virtue and dedic-

ation, all delivered in overly

familiar political windbaggery.

Flora Lewis, whose

columns appear regularly

on this page, is being honored in New York by the

Overseas Press Club this

Friday with its Lifetime

Recognition Award.

lican opponents all the more.

The speech was classic Clinton, much too long and rhet-orically banal. If possible, it will shoot his ratings even higher since, among other things, it licans after his scalp. For them, he showed once again that he is Indomitable Man, a model for

of just getting up in the morning and going to work.

In a sense, this speech was about legacy, a word we heard often after Mr. Clinton won reelection and which we are starting to hear all over again. What will his be? It just might be that he saved Social Security and gave his country eight years of spectacular prosperity.

It might be that he unified the Democratic Party, pushed it back toward the center and in the process so fragmented the Republican Party that its new speaker in the House of Rep-

Union address was really about the only legacy left to him: the future of the American presidency. If he can convert public opinion into political threat, if he can get the polls to dent the thick heads of his Republican enemies, if the speech reminds people that this man really has presided over good times, then maybe he will be able to slip the noose that Republican conser-

vatives have tied for him. This is his great irony. He came to the presidency too late for greatness. Earlier Tuesday night, I attended the inauguration of the Peter G. Peterson Center for International Studies at the Council of Foreign Relations. A clutch of secretaries of state spoke, from Madeleine Albright back to Henry Kissinger, and most compared today's challenges with former ones. The world is now a more chaotic place, but it is safer. A nuclear war between superpowers is no longer possible. We are at peace - except, of course, with ourselves.

A great president must have a great crisis — a civil war, a depression, wars abroad Mr. Clinton has had none of these, not even a recession. He has been uncommonly lucky abroad, adroit at home. He had to convene thinkers to wonder what his

resentatives could go on the old "What's My Line?" television necessary crisis and so, in a way,

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The end of the Cold War has enabled Congress to turn against the executive, conservatives against everyone else, traditionalists against modernity itself. The president has played catalyst. He is a shameless roué. At his State of the Union address, he lauded his wife, beaming adoration at her, and yet, as we now know, there could quickly be another moment, another woman, another target of beaming adoration.

This is who he is. He is indefensible, although talented, competent and successful. But he no longer matters. It is the office he occupies that conce us now, not to mention the programs he advanced. We are not here to defend

William Clinton, the man," his lawyer, Charles Ruff, told the Senate earlier in the day, "You are free to criticize him, to find his personal conduct distasteful, but ask whether this is the moment when, for the first time in our history, the actions of a president have so put at risk the government the framers created hat there is only one solution."

The answer is "no." say the American people. This is the crisis Mr. Clinton never thought he would have. Its outcome — nothing else — will determine his legacy. His (can it be?) greatness.

The Washington Post

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1899: Zola's Rescue

PARIS — The sale of the effects of M. Emile Zola to cover costs due to MM. Belhomme, Varinard. Couard, experts in handwriting, in connection with their libel suit against him, took place yesterday [Jan. 21]. M. Fasqualle and other friends of the novelist gathered at the house in the rue de Bruxelles. The first article offered for sale was a mirror framed in oak. Someone bid 50fr.—75fr.—100fr., and then M. Fasquelle cut in with 2,500fr., and the sale was over. He was applauded and there were many shouts of "Vive

1924: Receiving Line

LONDON - A man who begged at his son's wedding was sentenced to six weeks hard labor in the Thames Police Court to-day. An inquiry officer said that the prisoner had been con-stroy our way of life."

victed previously for similar offences. When his son was married he came out during the ceremony, dressed in good clothes and a silk hat, and, hurrying home, changed into poor clothes. He returned and begged from the people as they left the

#### 1949: A Klan Victory ATLANTA, Ga. - After hours

of debate in which the Ku-Klux Klan was held up as a "shining symbol of the Southern way of life," the Georgia House of Representatives killed a bill to unmask the organization. Fiftyone members did not vote. Rebel yells greeted Representative Julian Bennett when he told the legislators they would be listed with such Southern heroes as Robert E. Lee if they killed the measure, Mr. Bennett charged it would "set in motion forces that will ultimately de-

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#### promised something for just about every group under the sun the exception being Repub-

## Italy, Europe and the New NATO ROME — The end of the By Massimo D'Alema and Romania are certainly qualified to be among the next

clear turning point for NĂTO. First, the nature of risks and potential threats has changed radically. Second, and as a consequence, NATO has been undergoing a process of adjustment, adding to its traditional common defense dimension new collective se-

curity functions. In this context, the role of Italy has shifted significantly. Italy is particularly exposed to the risks of instability and conflict from the very areas where NATO's functions have been consistently growing in scope and duration in the 1990s. In other words, in the "new NATO" Italy is, more than in the past, a front-line state with vital interests on the immediate periphery of

the alliance's core area. It is clear that the alliance's transition process is far from over yet, and a key step forward will have to be made with the adoption of a new strategic concept in the spring. In the shaping of next cen-tury's NATO, Italy's priorit-

ies are the following: Developement of a strong European security and defense identity within NATO, which will make a constructive contribution to trans-Atlantic security. This will be a net gain, not a disruptive force. Indeed, it is a precondition for more equitable burden-sharing and ultimately for a more effective

and cohesive alliance.

The writer is the prime ntinister of Italy.

the European Union, to be achieved through gradual in-tegration of the Western European Union into the EU-structure. It has been shown beyond reasonable doubt, especially in the former Yugoslavia, that without a significantly upgraded security and defense capability the EU will be unable to exercise a decisive political influence over the sta-

bilization of adjacent regions. A balanced solution to the question of providing international legitimacy to the alliance's new functions in the so-called non-Article 5 missions. This is a central requirement if NATO is to serve as one of the foundations of a hance the cooperation with more secure and just interna- our Mediterranean Dialogue

tional order. A practical mechanism needs to be devised to guarantee the broadest possible level of legitimacy, in the spirit of the United Nations, while maintaining the alliance's political and operational effectiveness. The principles of basic human rights, international law and multilateral action must be combined to make NATO a collective force of stability and security.

• A geostrategically baianced "open door" policy. An adequate emphasis on Southeastern Europe is especially necessary at this stage, There will be need for a after the first round of entargedirect link between NATO and 'ment is completed. Slovenia'

qualified to be among the next invitees, not least for reasons of geographical contiguity and regional stablization. Bulgaria is becoming equally worthy of consideration. The enlargement process

step by step, but it is imper-ative that NATO explicitly present applicants with a clear prospect of further rounds of expansion, and assist them in eparing for accession. NATO's enlargement and its new relations with the Euro-Atlantic Parmership countries are basic components of a new pan-European

will be gradual and conducted

of Russia obviously will remain of crucial importance. Finally, NATO will need to look at practical ways to enpartners, in order to contribute effectively to stability and security in the Mediterranean re-

security architecture. The role

gion as a whole. Italy views a strong relationship with the United States and the vitality of NATO as key foreign policy assets. In an age of historical changes such as the introduction of the euro, a more equal Euro-American partnership can

only strengthen this vital link. This requires an enhanced European contribution, with the assumption of growing responsibilities. Italy has demonstrated that it is willing and able to take concrete steps in this direction.

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#### **OPINION/LETTERS**

## What Would Milosevic Give Up to Keep Power?

By Misha Glenny

ONDON - What are the morives of Slobodan Milosevic in Kosovo? There is little doubt that he approved the police oction in Racak last week, and sertainly the decision to allow Serbian security forces to return to the village after the massacre for 'cleanup'' operations must have had his specific approval.

Diplomats are also confident that Mr. Milosevic realized that the events in Kosovo would provoke outrage in the West and calls for tough action. So why did he do it? There are two possible explanations.

The first assumes that the Yugoslav president has no ide-ology and is committed to nothing except staying in power. To this end he has eschewed any coherent strategy while developing into a

The chief source of his political legitimacy now reposes in his ability to manufacture ever-greater crises that rally nationalist opinion and allow him to pin the label

"traitors" on his opponents.

A second possible explanation for Mr. Milosevic's behavior appears far-fetched yet enjoys wide currency among politicians and in-tellectuals, Serbian and Albanian alike. According to this theory, his objective is to allow Kosovo to become independent by forcing the West to intervene. He is an opportunist, not a nationalist, and if he can keep hold of power by let-

ting go of Kosovo, he will do it.
The province is an economic hurden and a constant source of instability. Ninety percent of its people are Albanians who have no

wish to remain in Yugoslavia. If this really is Mr. Milosevic's plan, though, he can expect fierce sposition from Serbian nationafists, who will give no ground on this issue, no matter how cleverly he employs his tactical skills.

But he has a record of losing wars and territory without paying the political price. The Serbs conceded total defeat in Croatia and partial defeat in Bosnia. Mr. Mioscvic made the case to his fellow Serbs that these iosses came about because the governments of Croatia and Bosnia received Western support. If the United States and Europe react to the latest events by authorizing NATO to intervene in Kosovo, his problem will

But this is a risky business. Air strikes against Serbiau air defenses would be a recipe for further instability in the region.

If Serbia's conventional military capacity were eliminated, the Bosnian government and even the Croatian government might be tempted to take advantage of Serbian weakness by seizing terri-tories currently controlled by Mr. Milosevic's forces.

In any case, air strikes would not put a stop to the killing in Kosovo and most probably would increase the possibility of the conflict spreading to Macedonia

Thus, the only intervention that stands a chance of success is one that would send Western ground troops to Kosovo and establish a NATO protectorate there. This would in effect put NATO at war with Serbia, but it is unlikely that the Yugoslav Army would be able to engage NATO forces.

Instead, Mr. Milosevic could tell his nationalist supporters that he did everything in his power to save Kosovo but that when faced with the superior force of NATO the Serbs had no option but to

concede the loss of territory.

Both theories are rooted in Mr.

Milosevic's willingness to stir up crises that suggest the possibility that the Kosovo conflict will spill over into other regions. Serbia could not withstand a tough NATO response, but it remains the most potent military and political power in a chronically unstable region.

Mr. Milosevic has the power to

withdraw Serbian support for the Dayton accord that holds together a fragile peace in Bosnia. He is also capable of provoking bloodshed in Montenegro between proand anti-Serbian Montenegrins. Kosovo itself has the potential to trigger fratricidal conflict in Albania and an enormous war in

The Yugoslav president is holding a knife to the throat of the southern Balkans. Some politicians in the West understand this. Whether they will devise a method of disarming him is another

The writer, author of "The Fall of Yugoslavia," is completing a history of Balkan nationalism. He contributed this comment to The New York Times...



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The Jefferson Precedent

Thomas Jefferson came under harsh media criticism when the editor of The Richmond Recorder, James Callender, published a shocking report on Sept. 1, 1802: "It is well-known that the man, whom it delighteth the people to honor, keeps and for many years has kept, as his concubine, one of his slaves. Her name is Sally. The name of her eldest son is Tom. His features are said to bear a striking resemblance to those of the presdent himself.

The editor of The Boston Globe begged Jefferson for "evidence of his innocence." But Jefferson maintained total silence.

Frustrated, the editor of the Lynchburg Gazette in Virginia, who said he waited two months for a denial of the Callender articles, sought out his own sources of information and said he found nothing but proofs of their

Though the hostile partisan press continued to lambaste Jefferson for his moral lapse, Congress, realizing Jefferson's great public popularity, stayed away from the controversy. The issue today is not about obstruction of justice, but obstruction of privacy by Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel who was appointed to investigate a failed real estate deal

Clinton's private life. Congress in the 19th century understood this and never asked any question about Jefferson's relations with Sally Hemings.

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#### Italy's Kurdish Deal

The leader of the Kurdish Workers Party, Abdullah Ocalan, got away once again. Italy's prime minister, Massimo D'Alema, must be wondering what he got out of this deal.

He badly damaged Turkish-Italian relations, including what was a healthy commercial exchange, embarrassed Germany, split the European Union, irritated the United States and hurt NATO solidarity. It seems pretty much like a zero sum to me.

TUNCH M. KUZAY. Naperville, Illinois.

#### Not One Euro for All

Franco Modigliani's statement that the "introduction of the euro is a crucial step in Europe's courageous march toward political union" (Opinion, Jan. 6) is a sentiment clearly understood and overwhelmingly rejected by the majority of people in Britain. We would just change the word 'courageous' to foolhardy, nabut asked a question about Mr. ive and dangerous. Most people in

Britain want us to maintain economic, fiscal and political independence. The tensions created by the

euro will become obvious as it increasingly becomes an instrument of political, rather than economic, strategy.

Already the Germans, French

and Italians appear to view the euro as a weapon to combat the dollar and the United States. macho economics that have little place in a global market. PETER ATKINSON Wallington, England.

The writer is chairman of the Sutton branch of the Democracy

John Somerhausen wonders (Letters, Jan. 20) how cartoonists are going to represent the citizens of "Euroland."

I suggest the Pied Piper blowing on an instrument that represents the sign for the euro. PETER B. MARTIN.

Valprionde, France.

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## Shakespeare Never Died (Playwrights See to That)

By Martin F. Nolan

lings of the Modern Language Association wandered the halls of the San Francisco Hilton last month, one thing they agreed upon was the status of William Shakespeare. He is doing well, considering that he has been, for 382 years, a dead, white male.

The Modern Language Association began to pursue politically incorrect corpses in the 1960s, but the posse was stymied when

#### MEANWHILE

Shakespeare's reputation experienced one of its many revivals. On Broadway, Franco Zef-firelli made "Romeo and Juliet" into a dazzling spectacle of hot-suff love. In 1969, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead' opened at the National Theater in London when the playwright, Tom Stoppard, was 29. With Mare Norman, Tom Stop-

pard is the co-screenwriter of Shakespeare in Love," adorning the box-office top 10 roster despite the absence of special effects.

The movie demonstrates that Shakespeare's heart and art were based in showbiz, with all its anxieties and backstage melodrama. "Shakespeare in Love" is "A Chorus Line" of the 1590s, a '42nd Street' in doublet and nantaloon.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Mr. Stoppard has a fondness for the English language that simmers with the zeal of a convert. Shakespeare is the Rome and Canterbury of his word-based religion. His experience demonstrates the timelessness of the Elizabethan era's hottest young playwright.

After every campus revolution, academe opens the gates to welcome forgotten or downtrodden cultures. But scholars still swarm to Shakespeare.

In 1997, when Georgetown University announced that Shakespeare would not be mandatory for English majors, conservatives feared that Will was an endangered species, but Phyllis Franklin, executive director of the Modern Language Association, argued that the canon was safe.

Shakespeare is so well established as a major writer in our society that serious students of literature choose to study

S AN FRANCISCO — When Shakespeare," she said. "They don't have to be forced into it." Conservatives, cursed with an itch to censor, are not to be trusted with Shakespeare. In the early 19th century, Thomas Bowdler, a forerunner of Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina, produced an expurgated (in other words, bowdlerized) edition of the collective works, banishing bawdy humor to

appease Victorian tastes. Shakespeare survived. Age cannot wither nor custom stale his infinite variety.

Fads pass, even in the 20th century. Laurence Olivier's screen adaptations, which electrified audiences in the 1940s, seem like tenantiess graves compared to Kenneth Branagh's Cagneyesque interpretations.

Sir Laurence once owned the celluloid copyright on "Henry V" and "Hamlet," but no more. In Mr. Branagh's version of the former, one can smell the horses sweating at Agincourt. In the latter, Elsinore is home to an all-star cast: Derek Jacobi, Julie Christie, Jack Lemmon, Charlton Heston, Robin Williams. Alas, poor Larry. I knew him, Horatio. (Zeffirelli's Hamlet failed not because of the cast but solely because Mel Gibson looked lost in the title role.

Danny Glover, call thy precinct.)
Continuity flourishes in
"Shakespeare in Love." Ben Affleck is as mordant a Mercutio as John Barrymore was in the 1936 MGM production.

Theatrical families are ably represented by Gwyneth Paltrow, daughter of Blythe Danner, and Joseph Fiennes, brother of Ralph. (Is there a Zeppo or Gummo around the house?)

The next Shakespearean in Hollywood will be Calista Flockhart, who on television portrays a Boston lawyer, Ally McBeal. She presumably will not be miniskirted as Helena in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in May. But she will prosper, as do all Shakespeareans.

"Shakespeare in Love" is an affirmation of Falstaff in "Henry IV, Part 1," who said, "Play out the play." For 400 years, millions have, because he is a guide to what he called "life's uncertain voyage." Rosencrantz and Guildenstem may be dead, but

Shakespeare is not. The Boston Globe

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By Clifford Krauss

New York Times Service UENOS AIRES --- If the walls of Buenos Aircs could speak, they would speak in French. Italian, German, Hungarian and English. A clock tower that is a knockoff of Big Ben tells commuters how late they are for work as they pick up their taxis at the Retiro train station, the largest Edwardian terminal in the world. Galerias Pacifico, the fashionable mall on the Calle Florida, is modeled after the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele in Milan. Entire neighborhoods, like La Boca and San Telmo, feel like blue-collar Italy. while Palermo Chico and swathes of

Recoleta feel like upscale France.
The Circulo Militar military club on Plaza San Martin mixes the trademarks of the chateau at Chantilly, the Luxembourg Palace in Paris and a pavilion of the Louvre. The immense Inmaculada Concepcion church in the northern barrio of Belgrano is a copy of the Pantheon in Rome. The Teatro Colon. the epicenter of opera and ballet for all of Latin America since its inauguration in 1908, mixes the architectural styles and acoustical devices of La Scala with those of the grand opera houses of Vi-

enna and Paris. Unlike the ancient Indian ruins and colonial baroque churches of Mexico City or Lima, architecture here may seem hopelessly derivative. (Argentina was a cultural and economic backwater until the 19th century.) But you would have to travel to London, Paris, Milan, Rome, Vienna and Budapest to see all the rich derivations of architecture that you can see in Buenos Aires alone.

The mix of styles reflects the broad impact of waves of European immigration in the 19th century (which in-cluded many distinguished architects and artisans) and the cattle and foreigninvestment bonanza of the early 20th century. It financed the building of scores of lavish mansions and palaces as well as giant government offices, shopping arcades, railroad stations and banks in the European taste.

The mixing of diverse European styles in the same block, even in the same building, is as Argentine as the tango. The city's signature dance form mixes African and Latin rhythms with the tangy lyrics of lunfardo, a local slang mixing Spanish and Italian.

There are no neighborhood architectural tours in English, and all the architectural guides to the city are in Spanish. A mere inconvenience; here are three walks you can take at an easy pace over

One place to begin seeing the great buildings of Buenos Aires is along the Avenida de Mayo: The great thoroughfare is frequently compared to the Champs-Elysees for its lasting vitality and to Budapest's Andrassy Avenue for its architectural eclecticism.

On one end is the grand Congress building, inspired by the Reichstag in Berlin, with an imposing green dome shooting into the sky like the cupolas of

Turin. On the other end, crossing Avenida 9 de Julio, is the Casa Rosada, the presidential palace where Eva Peron stole

many Argentine hearts from a balcony. The palace is graced by French mansard roofs, a grand Italian baroque central arch and galleries of columns and arches straight out of the Italian Renaissance. And, in between, there is the Café Tortoni, where the poets and literati sip coffee under a stained-glass skylight inspired by the one in Maxim's in Paris.

Stop at the antique bookshops, cafés and ice cream parlors, and late at night, the lively Avila flamenco club. Just above the Avila, it is worth taking a look inside the bizarre Barolo office building. The soaring skyscraper was designed in the early 1920s by an Italian architect. Mario Palanti, whose imagination inspired undulating balconies and sculptures, multiple domes within domes, and wall inscriptions from Dante's "Divine Comedy."

For the second tour, stroll along the Avenida Alvear from the Plaza Francia to Plazoleta Carlos Pellegrini. There are nearly a dozen blocks of French architectural gems on the Alvear. Architectural historians bemoan the fact that so many of the turn-of-the-century mansions built by the great cattle families grand examples of late Victorian, Beaux-Arts and Italian Renaissance were destroyed during the city's several urban renewals since the 1930s. Most of the lost mansions were replaced by neoclassical apartment houses that are French in feeling.

#### PAYING HOMAGE

Among the mansions left standing, the most impressive are the Vatican Embassy on the corner of Montevideo Street, and the eerie, ivy-draped Residencia Duhau at 1671 Avenida Alvear. The Vatican Embassy has a marvelous mansard roof, as does the Brazilian ambassador's residence in the Plazoleta Carlos Pellegrini.

The latter is a nice copy of the Jacquemart-Andre Museum on Boulevard Haussmann in Paris, with a sprinkling of accents added from the chateau at Fontainebleau. It was built in the 1920s by the Peredas, one of several Argentine cattle families who visited Europe and made copies of the buildings they liked most when they returned. "Rich as an Argentine" was a popular phrase in Europe in the 1920s.

Regrettably, the Brazilian ambassador's residence is only open to the public for tours on rare occasions, as is the neighboring French Embassy, one of the more complex Beaux-Arts buildings

Now to the Plaza San Martin, the heart of a third walking tour. It is the city's most beautiful plaza, especially in early November when the brilliant purple jacaranda trees are in bloom. The jacarandas were transplanted from the tropical north and are an integral part of the landscaping by Charles Thays, a French architect who also worked on Parisian parks at the turn of the century.

Hot-Spring Bliss in Japan

A walk around the Circulo Militar, the Louvre spin-off, is a good place to start. This wonder of opulence was once owned by Jose Paz, publisher of La Prensa, who built the grandest palace he could to entertain once he became president. Paz never won the presidency, but he did give one very special party in his mansion during which he introduced the tango to high society here, in the 1920s - shortly after it won acceptance in Paris.

Unfortunately, the only part of the old Paz mansion open to the public is a small military museum.

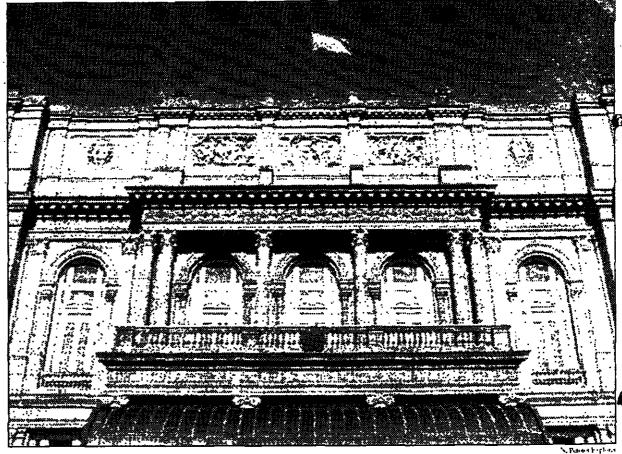
AGALLOPING MIX On the other side of the plaza is the mansion built by the Anchorenas (a branch of the same family that built what is today the Vatican Embassy), now the ceremonial center of the Foreign Ministry. Designed by Alejandro Christophersen — the Argentine architect who was born in Spain to Norwegian parents in 1866 and trained in Brussels and Paris — the mansion takes up a block and is a galloping mix of French classicism and Art Nouveau. It is closed to the public, but a peek through the gate reveals the cobblestoned cour d honneur with its understated grillwork and columns designed to reflect the Louis XIV and XV periods. Around the block, on Calle Basavilbaso, an en-chanting little black iron and glass pa-vilion juts out of the Anchorena mansion with a terrace on top.

Mercedes Castellanos de Anchorena wanted her palace to have a view of the Rio de la Plata and the austere neo-Romanesque Santisimo Sacramento church across the plaza that she had simultaneously built with an imposing marble altar lavishly decorated with bronze, mosaic and onyx. The glorious view lasted about 20 years.

In the early 1930s, an aspiring oligarch named Corina Kavanagh fell in love with New York's Art Deco skyscrapers. When she bankrolled construction of an Art Deco behemoth at 1065 Calle Florida, it spoiled the Anchorenas' view, starting a feud that has been called

the war of the socialites. No trip is complete without a visit to the Teatro Colon. Like seeing a tango show, attending the opera at the Colon is a rich window on Argentine glamour and style. No matter the quality of the music, a big part of the experience of attending a performance at the Colon is partaking in the luxury and history of the building. It is a monumental mix of Italian. Viennese and French styles that is massive even by the dimensions of the Avenida 9 de Julio, one of the widest avenues in the world, on which it stands. The exterior displays layers of arches, moldings, sculptures, balconies and columns that some critics have characterized as more severe than beautiful. But it is the interior that really shines even if most of the marbled walls are really only painted stucco.

For those who cannot attend an opera, there is a one-hour tour of the theater given in English and several other languages. I have taken the tour twice, and my only complaint is that there was not



The Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires borrows from La Scala and the grand opera houses of Vienna and Paris.

a mention of the sordid crime that changed the architectural destiny of the Colon. But the guides are courteous and knowledgeable, pointing out details from the Venetian mosaics on the floors and the beautiful mix of white Italian marble and pink Portuguese marble on the stairways to the boxes and orchestra seats still covered in their original burgundy velvet and gold brocade.

Designed by the Italian Francisco Tamburini just before his death, the auditorium has virtually perfect acoustics. The crystal chandelier has 700 bulbs, and there is a thin circular corridor at the top of the muraled domed ceiling that allows 15 musicians and singers to per-

form above the heads of the audience. The guides like to quote Luciano Pavarotti, who once said that the theater had only one defect: "It is so perfect you can easily hear every mistake."

DOWN BELOW DECKS But the best part of the tour is the several floors below ground, where you get a rare chance to see world-class ballet dancers practice and several historic opera costumes on display. The heaviest of them is a gown from Mussorgsky's "Boris Godunov" — inlaid with imitation jewels, it

weighs 50 pounds. And there is a dress worn by the soprano Claudia Muzio in a 1933 performance of "Tosca."

And the theater's tragedy and scandal are operatic in scale. Tamburini did not live long enough to hear a formal concert in his masterpiece. And before his protégé, a fellow Italian named Victor-Meano, could complete Tamburini's

work, he was murdered - shot by a man he found uninvited in his house one night in 1904. It was the former butler who did it; fired a few months before, he was

having an affair with Meano's wife. The third architect to lead the project. Belgian named Julio Dormal, was no fan of Meano's and scotched most of the remaining designs for the interior, including Tamburini's and Meano's desire for a corridor of stores in the lobby. Dormal junked that in favor of a grand entrance, and he looked to Versailles for the fabulously ornate, mirrored hall on

the second floor.

Perfect for strolls at intermission and for Friday afternoon recitals, it is considered one of the great rooms in Argentina. It never would have existed had Meano's butler been more discreet.

# In Dodge City, Truth and Fiction



Allen Builey behind the bur of the Long Branch Saloon, which tries to bring historical verisimilitude to Dodge

By Miki Tanikawa

ONEZAWA, Japan — For many Westerners, the idea of bathing in a roten-haro, or outdoor bath, may sound exotic enough. But some open-air baths in the Japanese countryside take the concept a lot further and make the experience a genuine trip back to nature.

Working on this theme, it took little imagination for resort planners to construct roten-buro right next to a rapid mountain river, a cliff. a waterfall or an ocean, in the middle of woods or in other out-of-the-way places where tourists might find themselves among wild animals. like monkeys.

The Japanese are particularly imaginative when it comes to creating environments for hot-spring bathing. since they traditionally conceive bathing as an enjoyment that can be creatively combined with other recreational activities: viewing the scenery. playing shori (Japanese chess), drinking sake and so on.

Among the many onsen, or hot springs, with a close view of nature. Oodaira Onsen in Yonezawa, 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Tokyo. offers surroundings almost unmarked by modern life, while fairly easily accessible from Tokyo. The trip involves a two-hour bullet train ride from Tokyo and an hour's drive in a van run by the guest house from Yonezawa station. where travelers get off.

#### BUMPY BUT SCENIC

Thirty minutes into the ride, the van leaves the paved road, and another 20 minutes of bumpy riding on steep mountainsides brings travelers into an area free of man-made infrastructure. The van negotiates the way with many thrills, on a narrow, winding road with no possibility of U-turn. The last 15 minutes of the trip are by foot, mostly down a steep incline that gives visitors a fine vista of the gorge, with the

approaching sound of the mountain river down the ravine.

In autumn, guests who dip into the open-air bath, situated perilously close to the rapids, find themselves in another world, in one of the deepest parts of the mountains of northern Japan, amid the roaring sound of the stream, with trees of every hue clinging to the rising cliff.

The roten-buro is open 24 hours a day, and by night, stargazing becomes the overriding attraction.

The spring water, which is said to cure skin diseases, burns and physical wounds and to be helpful against ulcers, is also good for drinking. "After a drink from the spring, people who overeat complain of hunger the fol-lowing morning," said Tadaaki Abe. the proprietor.

For women, the inn has another outdoor bath that is enclosed save for the side on the river. (Separate indoor baths, for men and women, are also available.)

The area is full of small trails. Up along the stream, in a rocky and athletic adventure, a hiker will reach a cascade in about 15 minutes. With an ethereal sparkle and stony folds hidden amid the verdure of the gorge, the waterfall is called Kaen no taki, the "cascade aflame," because the bright autumnal colors of the leaves, lighted by the afternoon sun, are said to give the illusion that the fall is on

For dining, local delic-acies include the sashimi of vanume, a kind of trout that lives only in pure waters, such as the section of the river the inn sits on. Another specialty is the Yonezawa beef, locally farmed, which has been likened to the well-known Kobe beef.

The autumn leaves are at their most colorful here toward mid- to late October when the Japanese version of beech, oak and rowan trees among others, turns colors ranging from bright yellow to blazing red. At Kanetsuri Onsen in

Toyama prefecture, 250 kilometers northwest of Tokyo, the riverside hot spring occurs naturally. Several bathing pools dot the river and, if a shy bather finds no empty bath, he might try digging one for himself. Take a shovel and scoop out the stony ground anywhere, and

hot water oozes out almost instantly. A speciacular natural hot spring is in Kawarage, in the northern Honshu prefecture of Akita. The water cascades down a stony cliff, while bathers soak in the basin or stand underneath the naturally occurring hot shower that roars down the steep hill. Chilly weather and extensive rain can ruin the publicly owned waterfall-bath, and the best sea-

son to visit is from July to September. Oodaira Onsen, tel: 0238-38-3360. About \$80 a night, including two meals.

• Kanetsuri Onsen Ryokan, tel: 0765-62-1103. About \$90 a night, including two meals. Kawarage Ooyutaki. No guest

house owns this hot spring. The tour-ism division in the city hall of Yuzawa city.0183-73-2111, provides information on nearby guest houses. Although foreign guests are wel-come, no English is spoken at any of

these springs. Miki Tanikawa is a journalist based By Shirley Christian

ODGE CITY. Kansas - I hadn't gone to Dodge City to be a tourist and see the sights and artifacts of the mythical Old West town, but I was struck from the time I arrived by the way the past both real and imagined - was all around and slipped into the most routine of conversations. One man said that when he told friends in another part of the country that he was moving to Dodge City, they seemed surprised to learn there really was such a place. Folks at the Chamber of Commerce wondered if I knew that the handsome brick building in which we talked was atop the original Boot Hill, where at least 26 people were "planted" after meeting their final fate in less than

pleasant circumstances. So, yes, I can confirm that there really is a Dodge City, a place on the high plains of southwestern Kansas that proudly uses a longhorn steer as its town symbol and whose main drag, in its historic section, is still called Front Street. There never was a Marshal Dillon, but there was a Sheriff Bat Masterson and a Deputy Marshal Wyatt Earp. There never was a Miss Kitty, but the real life of the beautiful and talented Miss Dora Hand was better than fiction, right up until she was fatally shot in the

mayor's bed.

The backdrop for their lives is recreated in a museum village that occupies the remainder of the old Boot Hill site — a row of wooden buildings modeled on the businesses that existed on Front Street before they burned down in a series of fires in 1885, almost coinciding with the end of the cattle drive days. The actual Front Street was, and remains, about three blocks to the east, where today's downtown stores con-tinue to do business. In summer, the museum village is filled with tourists watching actors re-enact gunfights and dancers do the can-can at the Long Branch Saloon.

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day you can also ride the Dodge City Trolley to other historic sites, including a swing east of town to old Fort Dodge. established in 1865 to protect a long section of the Santa Fe Trail, but shut down in 1882. About a mile east on Highway 400, there's a 38-foot cross

commemorating the site where Coronado is believed to have crossed the Arkansas River in his quest for Quivira in 1541. But on a frigid, blustery day last January I was probably the only potential sightseer in town, and I shivered in the car and dreamed of being enveloped in one of the buffalo robes that

used to be a staple of Dodge City life. That's why I was delighted to find the chief reality check on Dodge City inside the warm rooms of the Kansas Heritage Center, dedicated to the history of the Old West in Kansas and nearby states. Noel Ary, the center director and a former biology teacher, spends his days sorting out fact from fancy in a history retold so many times that you often don't know what's real and what isn't."

"Most people are familiar with Dodge City through 'Gunsmoke,' though it wasn't quite like that," he said. "Enough names were dropped and places mentioned in the television series to give it credibility. We know Doc Holliday was here, at least once. He was a dentist, and we found an ad in The Dodge City Times in 1878 saying he was seeing patients in his room at the Dodge House."

INTO THE ARCHIVES The Kansas Heritage Center was founded with a federal education grant during the administration of President Lyndon Johnson. The grant was used to buy many of the center's 7,000 books on Western history. The center also has the military correspondence from Fort Dodge and some maps and other documents gathered from Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Nebraska. More important, however, the center is the repository, on microfilm, of nearly all issues of the 20-odd newspapers published in Dodge City since 1876. The newspapers are the most reliable source of information on local history, because the creators of "Gunsmoke," it seems, were not the first to exaggerate a bit. Ary not guilty:

said many of the books are also more

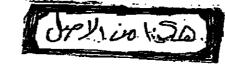
Among the travelers who find their way to the center, part of the local school administration building, are history buffs painstakingly looking for the hardened ruts of wagon trains along the Santa Fe Trail. They can find a few. Ary will tell them, particularly at a site nine miles (14.5 kilometers) west of town on the north side of Highway 50, but the fact is that the Santa Fe Railroad laid many of its rails directly into the old trail bed, and the railroad still runs right through town. along Wyatt Earp Boulevard,

HE center also sometimes serves genealogists who are trying to run down ancestral black sheep who took off for the West to escape debts, or

Dora Hand may have been one of those who came to Dodge to escape the past. She arrived in the summer of 1878. and her singing so captivated the town that she was, according to The Dodge City Times and The Ford County Globe. engaged as a vocalist in the Varieties and Comique shows." People guessed that she was a European-trained opera singer who had fled great sadness somewhere back East. The newspaper described her as "a prepossessing wontan" whose "artful winning ways brought many admirers within her smiles and blandishments."

But, alas, she fell ill that very October, and Mayor James (Dog) Kelley invited her and another ailing lady to recuperate in his home, while he occupied himself elsewhere. As Dora lay abed, someone out to get the mayor fired two shots into the house and killed her as the newspaper said - "in full

bloom of gayery and womanhood." Some of the West's legendary lawmen - Bat Masterson, Wyant Earp, Bill Tilghman and Charles Bassett - formed a posse and rode out after the man said to be her killer, the son of a founder of the King Ranch in Kingsville, Texas. They captured their man and brought him back to Dodge, where he was tried. But because of insufficient evidence was found



breakout performance, follows its genre

requirements with such insulting woodenness, you know something else is

going on. How could the maker of "Interview With the Vampire," "The Cry-

ing Game" and "Mona Lisa" display

ness, and quite possibly, madness behind

psychic abilities are used to track the

through the cavernous ribs of this for-

devoted husband (Aidan Quinn), who

coming role in the school play. But Claire

has been experiencing dreams and vi-

sions that connect her to tranmatic events

of the past and, tragically, the future.

When she tries to convey these visionary

warnings, she's treated with insensitivity

by her husband and incredulousness by

the local detective (Paul Guilfoyle).

Then, the unspeakable happens, the

worst that can happen to a parent. The Coopers are devastated. Claire, with the

help of the aforementioned sensitive psy-

chiatrist (Stephen Rea), finds herself

linked even closer to the mysterious be-

ing that has caused her so much pain.

Jordan and his co-screenwriter, Bruce

Robinson, have created an emotionally

harrowing experience that seems equal

parts artistic subversion, savage genius

and sheer nastiness. Movies of the last 20

years (especially thrillers) have become

so slickly routine, they have molded our

sensibilities into a conventional, almost

crabby set of expectations. A shake-up

like this can only be good for the system.

If you're interested in the cinematic

equivalent of white-water rafting, I say

take the plunge. (Desson Howe, WP)

'L'Ennui" is inspired by rather than adapted from the 1960 novel by Al-

berto Moravia. The movie drones on like a fitful dream, connected to no

specific time, yet it is French in the

fixation on ennui as a kind of elegant

mental predicament. The characters -

Martin, a brooding philosophy profes-

sor (Charles Berling) and placid 17-

year-old Cecilia (Sophie Guillemin),

who is built like a Reubens wonder

woman - seem to float outside their

bodies, even as they toil away at in-

cessant coupling. Martin dwells inside his obsession of possessing Cecilia; she

lives someplace else, between animal adolescence and adult indifference. So

we are watching desire and passion

played out by people who are quite absent, which dashes eroticism from

the scene. Martin becomes boredom

Directed by Cedric Kahn. France.

# Volvo Serves Up Style With Safety

By Gavin Green

OLVO likes to call of the cave. itself "the world's smallest car com-pany." although although judging by all the rumors of mergers and takeovers, that many be about to change. It also likes to think of itself as the manufacturer of the manufacturer of the manufacturer of the volvo tank. world's safest cars.

During a recent visit to Volvo's headquarters in Gothenburg. I discussed lar. The hood and trunk lids sit safety with the company's proud, the inward-curving design boss, Peter Horbury, an Englishman brought in to \$80, its new big car, which Horbury styled, had just been launched. So had the new mechanical specifications, Mercedes S-class, which the too. There is no other new car German company had also today with a six-cylinder, been promoting hard on its safety. It is probably true to driving the front wheels. The say that the S80 and the S- seats on the test car were class are the two safest cars in beautifully upholstered in half expect a butler to appear, the world, at least in terms of soft suede and, what's more, cushioning their occupants instead of the unyielding from injury. They even have park-bench-style cushions A airbags in their roofs.

which seat would you rather be for years, the Volvo's seats sitting in — the Volvo's or the are soft and squishy, rather Mercedes's - in a head-on like an old-fashioned sofa. accident with a big truck? Horbury replied: "I'd rather bury replied: "I'd rather besitting in the truck." An Englishman bringing a sense of humor to Volvo! A man given the task of making Volvos designs, simple. The cabin

sexy! And he has succeeded. abounds in fine details, indesign objects, all straight for the rear passengers. Push a lines and right angles and tank- steering wheel button and a like heaviness. They were screen slowly rises from the bought by people who didn't top of the dash, for the opreally like cars and who ven-

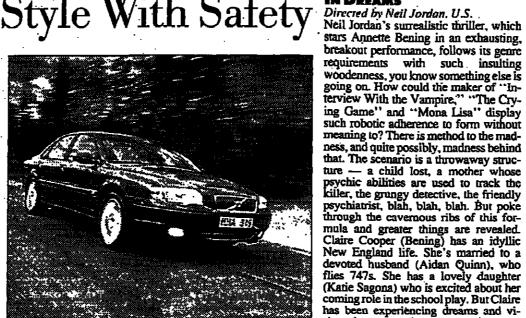
the same sort of foreboding that early mankind must have felt every time he stepped out

But all that tank-like utilitarian talk started to pale when everyone else started to take safety seriously too.

The S80 is typical of the new Volvo "style language." Rounded has replaced anguupper edges form distinctive shoulders. The taillights are make Volvos look sexy. The dark-bordered and look vaguely like jet afterburners.

The novelty extends to the that carmakers have been Given a choice, I asked, foisting under our backsides

The dashboard too is handsome and, like all good Volvos were once anti-style cluding center-pillar air vents tional satellite navigation. Un- quite agitated on broken city



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had utilitarian and uninviting cabins, the S80 has a cockpit that positively encourages you to make yourself at home. You silver salver in hand. The rear compartment is especially large, and the trunk is huge.

So far, so good. If only the \$80 was more invigorating to drive! It grips O.K., goes O.K., stops O.K. and cruises the freeways just fine. But there is just no enjoyment to be had from driving it. The steering wheel doesn't feel connected to anything in particular, including the front wheels, and the ride isn't all that clever either, getting

even a Mercedes, are all much more involving to drive. So Volvo has now got the

style to go with the safety. All it needs is driving flair, and the German manufacturers who still dominate the prestige sector will really have something to worry about. A new owner (or partner) may just be able to teach it that. Volvo S80. About

\$45,000. Six-cylinder engine, 2922cc, 204 bhp at 6,000 rpm. Turbo model also availweignings, most notably the brake (light) and accelerator pedal (heavy), which doesn't do much for driving flow. The steering wheel doesn't fair. 8.3 seconds. Average fuel consumption: 9.8 liters per

Next: Mercedes M-class.

Gavin Green is editor in

Buddhist Images." On loan from the Summer Palace at Chengde,

China, the exhibition includes a

mock up of a Tibetan shrine as well

as a drum from a human skull that

was presented by the Great Fifth

Dalai Lama to the Chinese em-

#### tured forth onto the road with like old-style Volvos, which roads. A BMW, an Audi, or chief of Car magazine.

#### ARTS GUIDE

#### BRITAIN

Royal Academy of Arts, tel: (171) 300-8000, open daily. Jan. 23 to April 11: "Monet in the 20th Century." Features 80 paintings com-pleted in the final decades of the French Impressionist's lite. In-cludes the three series created in ment, the bridges of Charing Cross and Waterloo — as well as paint-ings made in Venice and Giverny. www.royalacademy.org.uk

#### DENMARK

COPENHAGEN

33-74-84-94, closed Mondays. To May 25: "Henri Matisse: Four Great Collectors." At the time of World War I, two Russians and two Danes gathered important collectrons of works by Matisse. The Russian collections were taken over by the Soviet state, while the Danish collections were scattered. More than 40 paintings are brought together, including 25 on loan from the Hermitage Museum in St.

#### FRANCE

Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris, tel: 01-53-67-40-00. clased Mondays, Continuing/ To April 18: "Mark Rothko." A chronological presentation of the American artist's work. Musee-Galerie de la Seita, tei: 01-45-56-60-17. closed Mondays and holidays. To March 7: Kokoschka: Peintures et Oeuvres sur Papier, 1906-1931." A selection of early paintings, drawings ind watercolors of portraits and andscapes by the Austrian painte

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Wallraf-Richartz-Museum, (221) 221-23-82, closed Mondays. To Feb. 21: "Fin de Siecle: Graphic Art in Europe Around 1900." As the 19th century drew to a close, Europe was forn between nostal gia and optimism over the future. More than 150 graphic works by Toulouse-Lautrec, Edvard Munch, James Ensor and Felicien Rops reflect the fin-de-siècle mood, as vell as the conflicting influences of

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#### UNITED STATES

peror in 1652.

**NEW YORK** Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400, closed Wednesdays. Continuing/ To Feb. 2: "Dubuffet to De Kooning: Expressionist Prints From Europe and America." A variety of prints by contempor-aries of Jackson Pollock in the 1940s, '50s and '60s, such as l, Hartung,

and Alechinsky. www.moma.org

#### ASIAN TOUR

Leonard Statkin, music director, leads the National Symphony Or-chestra of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington in a tour of several Asian cities: Beijing (Great Hall and Century Theatre, Jan. 27 and 28); Shanghai (Grand Theater, Jan. 30); Hong Kong (Cultural Center, Feb. 1). The trip also features concerts in Nagoya (Feb. 5), Yokohama (Feb. 7) and Tokyo

#### CLOSING SOON

AMFRICAS Jan. 24: "Mary Cassatt: Drawings and Prints." Metropolitan Mu-seum of Art, New York. Jan. 24: "Masterpieces From Centre Georges Pompidou and the Guggenheim Museums." Gug-genheim Museum, New York.

Jan. 24: "Baccarat, L'Eclat de la Suntory Museum, Osaka, Japan.

Kunsthal, tel: (10) 44-00-300, closed Mondays. Continuing/To Jan. 22: "Treasures for King Zhao Mo: The Nan Yue Tomb." Schim Kunsthalle, Frankfurt. Jan. 24: "Giambattista Tiepolo, Feb. 28: "Flower Still Lifes From the Netherlands and Belgium, 1870-1940." Works by Ensor, Van Gogh 1696-1770." Petit Palais, Paris. Jan. 25: "Picasso, 1901-1909: Cheis d'Oeuvre du Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York." Musee

Picasso, Paris.

Compiled by Elisabeth Hopkins

## BRIDGE

IRCUMSTANCES contrived to extend the Greater New York Bridge Association's 1998 Von Zedtwitz Double Knockout Fearns beyond the calendar between teams led by Janos Racz and Chris Willenken,

By Alan Truscott

team overwhelmed the oppo- last trump. Others on the winning team mond queen. Since West had

Robb and Linda Gordon.

Annette Bening in Neil Jordan's surrealistic thriller, "In Dreams."

personified, annoying his preciously modern former wife (Arielle Dombasle), gnawing away at Cecilia's mar-velous calm. The script, written by the director, Cedric Kahn and Laurence Ferreira Barbosa, treats this drama of a man's headlong fall into absurdity -

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the nightmare plight for a philosopher — as a comedy, as if anguish had no real place in our world. The thesis becomes an ode to lost souls out of sync with each other and the times. Berling plays his part all nerve endings; he is a fearless, athletic actor who is relentlessly on, like a dog yapping in the dark. The pneumatic Guillemin has natural-born killer instincts, and the rich dimension of her remoteness makes her a temptress and actress worth watching. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

#### THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

Directed by Brenda Chapman, Steve Hickner and Simon Wells, U.S. If nothing else, the new animated feature from Dreamworks SKG is a wonderful essay on the meaning of freedom and the courage it takes to wrestle it from despots. In that sense, it feels more political and cultural than religious. The movie's proudest accomplishment is that it revises our version of Moses toward something more immediate and believable, more humanly knowable. This Moses, voiced by the less than imperial Val Kilmer, doesn't seem to be posing for Mount Rushmore and you could never ski down his cheekbones. Wiry and Semitic, he's a man beset with doubts, who feels himself completely unworthy. The second virtue of "The Prince of Egypt" is a superb performance: Ralph Fiennes as Ramses, the nonblood brother of Moses's upbringing, inheritor of the throne. In Fiennes's reading we hear the tragedy of a king born out of time, shackled to a set of beliefs that are crumbling daily, still in tragic love with a brother who has outgrown him. In the fight of his life, he's overmatched and he doesn't even know it. Raise a man in monster. So it is with Pharaoh. By contrast, Moses becomes more human: humbled, doubting, pathetic and, given his persistence in the face of those doubts, truly heroic. That's what "The Prince of Egypt" finally is: a hero's (Stephen Hunter, WP) biography.

#### SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE Directed by John Mudden, U.K. When William Shakespeare experi-

enced writer's block (along with feelings of sexual inadequacy), he would pay a visit to the Elizabethan equivalent of a shrink for a quick session of psy-choanalysis. So John Madden's "Shakespeare in Love" would have you believe - and by the end of this manic and enchanting fantasia, you will believe it. Set in the bustling London of 1593, the movie could be called "The Making of Romeo and Juliet," but when the dizzy story begins, the working title of the playwright's rudimentary script is "Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter." The plot, not to mention the unwieldy title, needs work, as Will (Joseph Fiennes) only too well knows. Enter Viola de Lesseps (Gwyneth Paltrow), a pretty young noblewoman who has been bitten by the theater bug, an unfortunate malady in an age when women were not allowed on stage and female roles were all played by young men. With a boy's wig and fake mustache, she calls herself Thomas Kent, auditioning for - and getting - the role of Romeo in the as-yet-unfinished play. Will, meanwhile, falls in love with Viola when he follows "Kent" home only to discover a lady in residence. Wittily co-written by Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard, "Shakespeare" is filled with unabashed anachronisms. Purists may be initially put off by such goofiness, but Paltrow and Fiennes are so good, as is the script, that seduction is inevitable. In the large and expert supporting cast. Judi Dench shines as a stern but fair Queen Elizabeth, as does Ben Affleck as the conceited actor Ned monstrous buildings, and he becomes a Alleyn. (Michael O Sullivan, WP)

#### BOOKS

Bereft of conventional ac-

tion, motivation, dialogue

ric meditations on art. land-

scape, gender differences.

history and much else, all

branching from the seductive

and from the botanical lore of

Leaf Red Ironbark, for ex-

ample, has a "weeping habit."

its leaves "drooping in a shim-mer of real melancholy. ... It

by snow and ice . . . Each leaf

hanging downwards suggests

As if to fill the emptiness of

the Australian landscape,

Bail's characters preoccupy

themselves with endless clas-

sifications and definitions,

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To Ellen, all youthful open-

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ening. She wants Mr. Cave

and the others to fail, so much

so that she goes into a death-

like swoon. The only man

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the trees they try to name.

#### **EUCALYPTUS**

By Murray Buil. 255 pages. \$23. Farrar Strauss Giroux. Reviewed by Jack Sullivan N one of the many inter-

twining fables of "Eucalyptus," the new novel by the Australian National Book Award winner Murray Bail, a young Frenchman abandons his family in the 1920s for the lure of a New World: "The undulating shape of Australia in the blue of the southern ocean beckoned in all its mysterious emptiness. He'd never met anyone who had actually

line fluctuating before him New South Wales property. during a recent heart attack." 'Eucalyptus'' beckons the

reader in a similar way. An Australian version of magic realism, this mesmerizing novel by the author of "Holden's Performance" consists of dreamlike stories within stories chronicling exotic odysseys. The one cited above involves the discovery of a gigantic silver mine, the impossibility of photographing of mirrors and the explanation

of crows' blackness Yet nothing in this circuit-

#### Aboriginals, the metaphysics are mysteriously alive, often paralleling human traits. The

ous yarn has any specific bearing on the main narrative, the been there. Cuba and Tahiti, fairy tale of a man who will yes, but not Australia. The only allow his beautiful closest was a Russian émigré daughter Ellen to marry the tennis coach he'd met socially suitor who successfully names who claimed to have seen the the hundreds of eucalyptus gigantic straw-coloured out- trees he has planted on his

ended in an exact tie. In a 32-deal playoff at the Beverly Club in Manhattan, the Racz nents, winning by 78 imps to take the title.

were David Kaufman, Victor already produced 10 high-Melman, Simon Erlich, Allen card points and been silent in Kahn and David Rosenberg. Willenken's teammates were ning decision by leading to Jesus Arias, Adam Wildavsky, Martin Fleisher and

Looking at the Northchoose to play a part-score in win the war, diamonds. Both teams stretched to game and one would expect failure. Fleisher was in three no- trump, which was hopeless barring an improbable block in the spade suit, and did well to maneuver for down one.

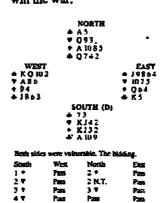
When Kahn and Rosenberg were North-South, they reached four hearts as shown. Two diamonds was inverted in the modern style, showing invitational values or better. The final contract was poor, but, as the sequel showed, not

The opening lead of the spade king was allowed to win, and another spade went to the ace. South led a club to mainly of trees but also birds, the ten, losing to the jack. West led a third spade and South ruffed in dummy, throwing the club nine from his hand. The heart queen was year. The final last month. led and West held up his ace. doing so again when a heart as if it was a single, endlessly reproducing person." Classiwas led to the king.

A third trump removed the ace and ten, and a fourth spade was ruffed with South's

Now Rosenberg had to guess the location of the diathe auction, he made the windummy's ace and finessing the jack to make his game. If you have luck and skill

on your side, you are likely to South hands on the win the battle. In this case, diagramed deal, one would Rosenberg's effort helped to



keeps appearing in the trees "like a perpetual warm wind," telling better stories and character development, than her suitors but vanishing "Eucalyptus" offers eccent-when she needs him.

"Eucalyptus" is short, just over novella-length, but in a meditation on storytelling. the omniscient narrator contales Ellen's suitors tell her trasts the iron law that "all good stories are slow stories' with its counterpoint: "The Like the heath in "Wuthering Heights," Bail's gum trees an echo of really curious, indelible power.

Curious power is precisely what this novel delivers. Part of its charm is its style, the quirky sentences that rarely go where we expect, the sinister has shaded in khaki-grey our Arthur Machenesque beauty everyday stories, and when of the landscape descriptions, and how they are told, even the the meandering stories that myths and legends, such as fail to deliver their expected they are, just as surely as the allegories, that never really Norwegians have been formed end but instead begin others.

Ellen finds these tales "suspended, unsatisfied." like her life, and therefore all the more compelling: a story is "powerful for what it may have represented ... for what it didn't say exactly." Attempts to put closure on stories are just as futile as attempts to classify nature.

At the very end, quite by accident, the final story connects with the central narrative, turning this poetic but contain with his own shape, rather inhuman novel into an unusual love story — only to begin all over again. It is a fying trees is a green refuge in strangely satisfying nonconclusion, a haunting illustration of Murray Bail's favorite ness, this attempt to close off theme. "the randomness of true harmony.

Jack Sullivan, author of the forthcoming "New World Symphonies: How American Culture Changed European who interests her is a hand- Music," wrote this for The some, ghostlike stranger who Washington Post.

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.9575, closed Feb. 15-16. To March

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TAIWAN

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JAPAN

Orchard Hall, tel: (3) 3477-3244. Jan. 25, 26, 27 and 28: Peter Brook's production of Don Gio-

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Harding. Peter Mattel and Roberto

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By James Rupert

LAGOS - By the most obvious measures, Nigeria's six-month-old transition from military to civilian rule is the most urgent going well.

tional civilian leadership in 15 years.

Nigerian and foreign analysts warn that the transition could be disrupted

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Pakistan Says

**In Bomb Plot** 

By Celia W. Dugger New York Times Service

diplomat in New Delhi categorically denied Thursday that a Bangladeshi man

arrested here and accused of plotting to

bomb U.S. consulates in Madras and Cal-

cutta was a Pakistani intelligence agent,

as New Delhi police have alleged.
Ashraf Qazi, the Pakistani high com-

missioner, said the idea that his country

would participate in a terrorist attack on

U.S. diplomatic missions was "ridicu-

a perfectly good relationship," he said.

"Our prime minister has recently com-

pleted a productive tour of the United

States. We have ongoing talks at the highest level. It's nothing short of madness to suggest that any part of the

Pakistani government would involve themselves in such an enterprise.

But that is exactly what the New Delhi police allege. And the United States sent

a team of counterterrorism experts this week to investigate that charge, as well as the possibility that Osama bin Laden,

the terrorist who is No. 1 on America's

Security officials from the U.S. Em-

bassy have already talked to the man, Sayed Abu Nasir, 27, during the 11 days that the New Delhi police were inter-

rogating him. The new team of Amer-

icans who arrived Tuesday were ex-

pected to conduct more interviews of

Mr. Nasir after he is transferred to police

authorities in West Bengal for further

ing to determine the credibility of the

charges made," said Donna Roginski,

spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. "If the charges are true, they

are very, very serious and you need to

consider them carefully. But you've got

to determine how reliable they are."

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crises, of which the delta uprising and a crunch in government finances will be

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monitors declared that local elections in deal with, she said. December and state elections Jan. 9 were fair, and General Abubakar appears to geria's next government will be a broad, which has swept voting in the densely The army has ruled for 28 of Nigeria's have broad acceptance for his plan to perhaps awkward, coalition. Two of the populated southwest years, compressing what was a fed-decree a restoration of the constitution three parties that qualified for national The People's De

try is entering high campaign season for army and its governments, suppressing the election on Feb. 27 of its first nademands by other groups — principally that, after the army's many broken nates politics, the parties are best defined tional civilian leadership in 15 years. ethnic Ibos and Yorubas — for more promises to quit power, General by their attitude toward him. Abubakar intends to see the process

going well.

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The People's Democratic Party, a that the transition could be disrupted before General Abubakar hands over power on May 29, notably by continued power on May 29, notably by continued Sani Abacha, those in power have stolen power of dellars from the city and let the could swing the nomination to Alex broad coalition led by politicians who in generals, Ibrahim Babangida and power on May 29, notably by continued Sani Abacha, those in power have stolen as vice president in the previous civilian as vice previous civili upheaval in the oil-rich Niger River delta billions of dollars from the state and let region or by corrupt military officers the country's economic infrastructure going to go this time," said Ayo Obe, a People's Party, which includes many unwilling to cede power and its riches. collapse. General Abacha's sudden Lagos attorney and president of a nactivilians who served in General Still, a successful shift to civilian rule death last June elevated General tional human rights group, the Civil Abacha's camp, is dubbed by many the

appears to be more likely, and people are beginning to ask how a civilian government will address Nigeria's multiple

Abubakar, who a month later announced the return to civilian rule.

Liberties Organization. "The concern "Abacha People's Party" and this now is that they are stoking up a lot of month took just over a third of votes in problems" for a civilian government to the state elections. It is seeking to form a Nigerian and international election problems" for a civilian government to the state elections. It is seeking to form a eal with, she said.

However the voting nums out, Niuba-dominated Alliance for Democracy,

> geria's ruling generals to have handed power back to civilians. But General Obasanjo is unpopular among his fellow Yornbas and has failed to deliver his home region to the party. Analysts say government in the early '80s.

> The government is trying to calm the disorder in the delta before the presidential election. The delta, heart of an oil belt that provides 80 percent of government revenue, has been in a state of near insurrection since August, as impoverished ethnic groups demand a share of the oil wealth pumped from beneath their lands. In recent weeks, authorities and oil

companies have talked many cells of village youths into allowing the reopening of oil fields the youths had seized last fall in the latest uprising. But many groups, radicalized by years of unfulfilled government promises, remain unpaci-fied. Armed mystical cults of the liaw god of war, Egbesu, secreted in trackless creeks and mangrove swamps, have the potential to ignite a prolonged guerrilla war in a region thick with vulnerable oil installations, a Western diplomat said.

After troops fired on an Ijaw protest march, squads of militant gunmen swept in from the swamps to attack troops in Bayelsa state over several days this month, reportedly leaving 20 people dead. In an indication of the delta's danger to the political transition process, the fighting forced cancellation of state

elections in Bayelsa. General Abubakar sent hundreds more troops to the state, where they search travelers on the roads, arresting youths whose backs bear the tattoos of the Egbesu cults. The troops are un-trained for policing duties, have shown poor discipline and often are Hausa speakers unable to communicate with the local tribes, said Miss Obe, the attorney and human rights activist. Human rights groups and newspapers say Bayelsa residents report frequent looting and assaults by the troops.

Miss Obe and others said that General Abubakar has failed to make any dramatic gesture for reconciliation in the delta. He has called for talks rather than violence, but has "provided no forum for this so-called dialogue," said Tell, a Nigerian newsmagazine. Showing Washington's concern, the

U.S. Embassy this month dispatched its chief political officer to meet contesting groups and discourage violence lesse Jackson, a Clinton administration envoy to Africa, is to visit the delta in coming weeks, a U.S. official said.

Another danger that General Abubakar cannot ignore is that some military officers, unwilling to give up corrupt moneymaking that the forces have pursued in power, might attempt a coup to prevent the civilian takeover, analysts said.

Some Saddam Foes Reject U.S. Funding

KUWAIT - The main Iraq Shiite Muslim opposition group on Thursday rejected an aid offer from Washington to help finance efforts to topple President Saddam Hus-

"Our answer is thank you but no thank you," said Hamid Bayati, British representative of the Tehran-based Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

The Clinton administration on Tuesday designated seven Iraqi opposition groups as eligible for U.S. aid, including the Tehran-based coalition that dominates Shifte Muslim resistance to the Iraqi government.

"We have not received any aid from the United States and believe that this is an incorrect way to deal with the Iraqi opposition, "Mr. Ba-

#### Tehran Halts Rite Honoring Liberal

TEHRAN - Police in Tehran forcibly dispersed thousands of people commemorating the anniversary Thursday of the death of a former prime minister and Islamic liberal opposition leader. Mehdi

Police intervened at the end of a ceremony at a mosque in northern Tehran after 10,000 people poured into the streets and shouted slogans in support of President Mohammed Khatami and against his conservative opponents.

Mr. Bazargan, who died in 1995, led an interim government that came to power after the 1979 Islamic revolution. His government collapsed under pressure from the Shiite Muslim clergy opposed to his liberal domestic and foreign policles, notably his condemnation of the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in November 1979. (AFP)

#### Barbados Voters **Back Government**

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — Prime Minister Owen Arthur's party has won all but two Parliament seats in a landslide victory, with voters approving the government's

solid economic performance.
With 97 percent of the results counted early Thursday, Mr. Arthur's party had unbeatable leads in 26 of the 28 constituencies. (AP)

#### For the Record

Two U.S. college students who were among five women raped by highway robbers in Guatemala a year ago have testified in the trial in the attack and "fully identified" all three, the state prosecutor said.

A Romanian miner running with tear-gas grenade launcher he seized from a policeman on Thursday.

## Romanian Miners Breach Police Barriers

HOREZU, Romania - Thousands of striking coal miners charged through highway barricades here Thursday, seizing a local government official and several policemen as hostages in a protest march on Bucharest, the private television station Pro-TV said.

The broadcast said that about 100 people, mostly police officers, had been injured in the violence that crupted near here as the police tried to block the miners' procession from reaching the capital, 200 kilometers (125 miles) to the

Hospital sources said at least 67 people, three in critical condition, were taken to the hospital here and that 28 were

spokesman, Razvan Popescu, said in Bucharest. "They to open discussions in the conflict.

are attacking according to precise military procedure."

Meanwhile, the president's office confirmed the earlier reported resignation of Interior Minister Gavril Dejeu. naming his replacement as Constantin Dudu Ionescu. Thousands of policemen wielding truncheons first charged the miners when they tried to break through bar-

ricades outside Horezu. Before the clashes, the government spokesman said Bucharest had been informed that the leader of the miners,

Miron Cozma, had rejected the latest offer for talks and ordered his followers to resume their march. "If the miners try to force the roadblock, all we can do is

apply the law," the spokesman said somberly.
The miners had gathered earlier at the massive concrete hospitalized in Rinnicu Vilcea.

The miners had gathered earlier at the massive concrete
barricades after defiantly rejecting a new government offer

## CLINTON: Democrats Say the Tide Is Going the President's Way

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York and Pennsylvania to seek support for some of the initiatives he unveiled in his Tuesday address, proposed a plan to train retiring soldiers to fill teaching vacancies in the nation's classrooms.

Thursday was the first anniversary of the scandal that has shaken the presidency. It was on Jan. 21, 1998, that newspaper accounts first brought the name of Monica Lewinsky to public

In his arguments to the Senate, Mr. Kendall focused his attack on the impeachment article that accuses Mr. Clinton of obstruction of justice. He said it was "based on circumstantial evidence, and that evidence is at best profoundly "If a criminal charge is to be based on

conclusions drawn from circumstantial evidence rather than from direct evidence," he said, "those conclusions have got to be virtually unavoidable."

Far from unavoidable, Mr. Kendall said, the House prosecutors were trying

said, had not "painted a picture" of Mr. vague and dealing with allegations that Clinton's guilt, as they claimed. "I think in some cases he said were "frivowhat they've in fact done is given you a lous." Rorschach test."

to a now-famous Lewinsky statement material, and always insubstantial," Mr. made in grand jury testimony: "No one Craig said. ever asked me to lie, and I was never In a plea promised a job for my silence." He read the phrase twice and, after a pause for impact, added dryly, "Is there something difficult to understand here?"

To convict Mr. Clinton, he said,

Mr. Kendall was followed by what the White House hoped would be a powerful closing argument from the former Arkansas senator Dale Bumpers, a fiery orator and longtime Clinton friend who only a few days ago was invited to speak for the president's legal team.

Mr. Bumpers, 73, who enjoys wide respect from senators in both parties, was to appeal to his colleagues to spare the country the turnoil of an unjustified and unpopular conviction of the pres-

to project their own desires into the of Mr. Clinton's, attacked the Repub-

"The allegations are frequently trivi-He again called the senators' attention al, almost always technical, often im-

> In a plea to senators' political sides, Mr. Craig urged them not to "throw our

> would "inject a poison of bitter par-tisanship into the body politic which, like a virus, can move through our national bloodstream for years to come."

> Mr. Craig was followed by Chervl Mills, a deputy White House counsel. A young black woman, her appearance stood in contrast to the 13 Republican prosecutors, and the two White House attorneys who preceded her, all of whom are white men.

"I stand here before you today because President Bill Clinton believed I Gregory Craig, a White House special could stand here with him," Ms. Mill counsel who was a law school classmate said. "This president's record on civil



Members of President Clinton's deto project their own desires into the of Mr. Clinton's, attacked the Repubrights, on women's rights, on all of our fense team, Cheryl Mills, left, and senators' minds. Those prosecutors, he lican prosecutors' case as being overly rights, is unimpeachable."

Greg Craig, leaving the Capitol. Greg Craig, leaving the Capitol.

## **ENVOY:** Nominee to UN Faces Ethics Fine

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employer. Under federal ethics laws, former government officials are barred from a variety of lobbying contacts with

their former colleagues. Mr. Holbrooke, who is known for his accessibility to reporters, and his lawyers did not return repeated phone calls seeking comment.

A Justice Department official, speak- Mr. Holbrooke. ing on condition that he not be identified, would say only that "the case is in the process of negotiation, and the nego-

tiations hinge on a civil penalty."

Spokesmen for the Justice Department and Credit Suisse First Boston had tiations.

The nomination of Mr. Holbrooke, Bosnia, was initially sidetracked last summer by the anonymous allegations involving the U.S. Embassy in Hun-

ary.
Apparently while still employed at the CANCER: State Department in 1995, according to the allegations, he illegally contacted the Forget a Fiber Diet embassy in Hungary on behalf of Credit Suisse First Boston. The company had sought his help in securing a consulting contract with the Hungarian govern-

Officials said none of the evidence gathered against Mr. Holbrooke by the the newsroom in the 1980s, Mr. Solovitz
took it hard. He had loved the Linotypes, ness contacts in South Korea suggested. criminal wrongdoing. Instead, they said, the prosecutors consider the infractions to be civil violations of the law, requiring Mr. Holbrooke to pay a fine to settle the issue.

One official compared his situation to that of Anthony Lake, the former national security adviser, who paid \$5,000 to the Justice Department in 1997 to holdings, an investigation that arose for epidemiology at the American Canafter he had been nominated by Mr. cer Society. Clinton to become director of central

Other government officials and friends of Mr. Holbrooke said the comparison with Mr. Lake was unfair, While Mr. Lake may have withdrawn his nomfar more intense criticism in the Senate In the early 1950s, Mr. Pulliam as- over policy decisions made while he was national security adviser.

The negotiations between the Justice Department and Mr. Holbrooke's lawyers come at an awkward time for Mr. study did.

Holbrooke, who remains a special envoy to the White House on the Balkans and who has been actively involved in shaping an American response to the massacre last weekend of dozens of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

Clinton administration officials say that despite the Justice Department investigation, Mr. Clinton remained firmly committed to the nomination of

Peter Burleigh, a respected career dip-lomat who holds the rank of ambassador, has been leading the U.S. delegation in the interim. He will likely continue in that post for a number of months. Even if Mr. Holbrooke is able to reach

no comment Wednesday on the nego- a settlement soon with the Justice Department, his nomination must still be reviewed by the Senate Foreign Relathe architect of the Dayton peace agree-ment of 1995 that ended the war in full Senate, which is now consumed with the Clinton impeachment trial.

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New England Journal of Medicine. New England Journal of Price of the Color of thing. It is still helpful, but not for color of thing. It is still helpful, but not for color of thing.

Indeed, experts were quick to arge people to continue to eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. primarily because those fiber-rich foods protect against the leading killer in the United States, heart disease - a fact

widely advertised by cereal makers. In addition, a high-fiber diet has been shown to prevent other types of cancer, including cancer of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus and stomach, accordsettle a civil inquiry regarding his stock ing to Dr. Michael Thun, vice president

But none of these are as common as intelligence Mr. Lake later withdrew his colorectal cancer, which kills more Americans — an estimated 57,000 in 1998 — than any type of cancer except lung cancer.

prevent colorectal cancer is to undergo regular screening, some were unconvinced by the findings of Dr. Fuchs and

difficult to prove through a study that relied on participants to accurately recall their own eating habits, as the Boston

# Sammy Solovitz, 71, Colorful N.Y. Times Copy Boy Chief, Dies

By Michael T. Kaufman

NEW YORK - Sammy Solovitz, 71, a wise-cracking, hard-living mentor to generations of copy boys at The New York Times, died Jan. 12 in Houston. Mr. Solovitz died of natural but as yet

undetermined causes, said his niece,

Brenda Polunsky. He had lived in Texas since his retirement in 1984. From the day he was hired at The lovitz captivated the low and the mighty with his feisty manner and pugnacious wit. To the scores of well-known re-

porters and editors who came to the talent. "He was the best judge of business through his newsroom boot people," said Arthur Gelb, who started symbol of an era when newsrooms still paper's managing editor. pulsated to the clack of typewriters and

delivering telegrams. At 4 feet 9 inches led The Wall Street Journal and who is taking copy boys — there were not yet (1.44 meters), he was too short for the now the editor in chief of Time Inc., and any copy girls -eager for anthenticity to formed messenger for Western Union. summer as a copy boy. When he whisked into the city room, Mr. Solovitz would s

Edwin James, the managing editor, P.M. and finish at 3 A.M., when the last looked up from his desk and was intrigued edition went to press, repeatedly goadby the sight of a pillbox hat bobbing above a railing that surrounded his corner office, all he could see of Mr. Solovitz.

Weekly!" or "This is a daily, not a the delivery trucks being loaded outside weekly!" or "When the building, even the spittoons. When Mr. James investigated and engaged are, the Yale Club?" the messenger in conversation. The mes-

senger spoke his mind. (He always did.) Mr. James hired him on the spot.

would stay in the business. Over 40 years, Mr. Solovitz developed a fine eye for character and romance and lore of the newspaper busi-

camp, he became a figure in lore, a as a copy boy and later became the Among those who counted him as copy boys rushed stories, a few para-their first boss at The Times are Russell graphs at a time, from reporters to ed- Lewis, now president and chief execitors, and then to the printers in the utive officer of The New York Times poker games or sometimes he would tell

army but tall enough to work as a uni- Vice President Al Gore, who spent a race tracks or to second-floor tearooms Mr. Solovitz would start work at 7:30 rings played cards until after dawn.

In time, Mr. Solovitz became the stuff

of legend. A. J. Liebling, the "Wayward Press" critic for The New Yorker, called Mr. Solovitz had found his calling and him "a newsroom institution." frownerose quickly to become head of the Sketches of him appeared in Editor & toons. nightside copy boys, supervising a crew Publisher and The Columbia Journalism Times, Nov. 18, 1943, Samuel Leo So- of journalistic aspirants, many of whom Review. He lectured to students at the Columbia School of Journalism.

More informally, he would pass on the ness to his charges, telling them what happened in the newsroom on V-E Day or V-J Day, or the day that Franklin D. Roosevelt died, or the nights that Robert F. Kennedy and the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. were assassinated. Sometimes he would do it over late-night On the day he was hired, he was 16 and of The Times; Norman Pearlstine, who restaurant at 3 o'clock in the morning or

When technological change came to computers replaced typewriters, copy boys, and, by then, copy girls, were no longer as vital to the operation as they had been. Smoking was increasingly frowned upon, not to mention spit-Eugene S. Pulliam, 84, Publisher

And Defender of Press Freedom INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -- Eugene S. Pulliam, 84, publisher of The Indiana-polis Star and The Indianapolis News and a staunch defender of press freedom nomination. during a 64-year news career, died here

Wednesday.

Mr. Pulliam became publisher after his father, Eugene C. Pulliam, died in 1975. The Star won the Pulitzer Prize ination in part because of the dispute that same year for an investigation of over his stock holdings and the Justice police corruption and in 1991 for a series Department investigation, he also faced on medical malpractice.

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# Asians Warn of Trade Wars

## Taiwan and Thailand Fear Effects of Imbalances

By Thomas Crampton
International Herald Tribune

TAIPEI — The risk of trade conflicts around the world is sharply escalaring as Asian nations attempt to export their way out of economic crisis by selling cut-price goods to the United States and Europe, the foreign minister of Taiwan warned neighboring countries Thursday.

Widening trade imbalances "may bring measures of sanctions, punishment or retaliations war in the political and trade sense." Foreign Minister Jason Hu said in an interview.

Taiwan is now preparing a "Buy American" campaign to combat its increasing imbalance in trade with the United States, Mr. Hu said. Details of the campaign, he said, would be spelled out in coming weeks.

"The widening trade surplus or deficit, depending on which side you look at it, will become a serious foreign policy issue and affect foreign relations," Mr. Hu said.

As Mr. Hu spoke, the United States announced Thursday that its trade deficit had shot up to \$15.5 billion in November as imports climbed to an alltime high. The widening deficit in U.S. goods and services in the first 11 months of last year eclipsed the record set in 1987.

Mr. Hu's comments were echoed Thursday in Bangkok by a leading contender for the lead-ership of the World Trade Organization, and they came a day after Washington toughened its stance

against Japanese steel exports.

Supachai Panichpakdi, the Thai commerce minister and a candidate to lead the Genevabased WTO, which promotes free trade, said the United States would likely have a record \$300 billion trade deficit this year and warned trading nations against retaliatory reactions, Agence France-Presse reported.

"A tit-for-tat response will result in a severe slump in world trade," he told a forum of Thai

International trading will not be easy this year," Mr. Supachai said. In Washington, Charlene Barshefsky, the U.S.

trade representative, warned Wednesday that if there were not "substantial declines" in imports of Japanese steel, the Clinton administration would act against Tokyo, possibly by seeking

tough duties on Japanese steel.
"The key test," she said, "will be the December export data" from Japan, which the administration plans to make public in February, she told members of Congress representing steel constituents. "There is no wiggle room for Japan on steel," she said.

The United States has also warned of punitive duties on European imports worth \$520 million unless the European Union drops restrictions on banana imports from certain countries while fa-

Mr. Hu said that while Taiwan was seriously concerned about the situation and already preparing to take action, other countries have done

He emphasized China's \$40 billion trade surplus with the United States.

"In the old days, these tensions could lead to gunboat diplomacy," he said. "Fortunately, people have learned to deal with these issues with talks or trade measures or things short of real

Statistics released Thursday in Taipei by the Ministry of Economic Affairs showed orders from some of the island's Asian customers falling nearly a third last year, while buyers from United States and some European countries sharply increased their orders.

The United States, Taiwan's largest customer last year increased orders by 6 percent to \$40 billion, while German orders shot up by 22 percent and those from Britain increased by 13 percent.

Meanwhile, Singapore orders fell by about 28 percent, those from Japan dropped 18 percent and orders from Hong Kong fell about 10 percent.

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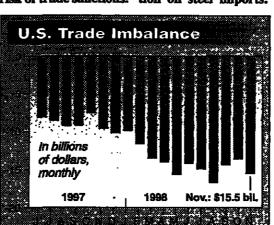
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timism, Mr. Hu said, adding that the recent spate of unexpected turbulence in Taiwan's stock mar-



Jason Hu, Taiwan's Charlene Barshefsky foreign minister, sees has warned of U.S. acrisk of trade sanctions. tion on steel imports.



# **U.S. Trade Deficit Soars** As Imports Hit a Record

WASHINGTON - The U.S. trade deficit sbot up to \$15.5 billion in November as American exports of aircraft, computer equipment and farm products fell sharply while imports climbed to an all-time high, the Commerce

Department reported Thursday.

The November deficit was up 14 percent from a revised October figure of \$13.6 billion.

The increase reflected record imports of computer parts and telecommunications equipment as well as automobiles and consumer goods within the overall total of \$94.1 billion.

U.S. manufacturers continued to be battered by the global financial crisis, which has cut deeply into their export sales while triggering a flood of relatively inexpensive imports into the United States.

With one month still to be counted, the U.S.

trade deficit in goods and services has already hit an all-time high of \$153.9 billion. surpassing the mark of \$153.4 billion set in 1987. After December is counted, the deficit for the year is likely to climb to about \$164 billion, far above the overall 1997 deficit of \$110 billion.

Economists are predicting even worse news for 1999 as an economic slowdown covering more than one-third of the globe cuts into U.S. exports and beleaguered Asian countries try to export their way back to prosperity by shipping goods to America.

The White House has taken to insisting that

the United States cannot be the "importer of only resort" and has called on Europe, the other region of the world still prospering in the face of global adversity, to take more goods as well. Robert Shapiro, the Commerce Department undersecretary, said, "The basic dynamic be-

hind these data remains the strength of our economy and the weakness of many of our trading partners." Wall Street had little reaction to the widen-

months of the year, steel imports from Japan were up \$1.27 billion to \$2.88 billion. The government said Thursday that next year it would issue a special report three weeks ahead of the normal monthly trade figures that would cover only steel imports, to better monitor developments.

average closed down a little less than 1 per-cent. President Bill Clinton, in his State of the

Union address this week, said the United

States would push for a new global round of

trade-liberalization talks aimed at countering

rising protectionist forces. But domestic polit-

ical pressures are forcing Mr. Clinton to take a tougher protectionist line when it comes to steel, a key industry in which Japanese imports threaten to overwhelm domestic producers.

The latest U.S. data indicated that the surge

in steel imports began to abate in November,

although steel imports for all of 1998 were still

far ahead of the 1997 pace. For the first 11

While America's deficits with both Japan and China were down slightly in November, and China were down singing in November, for the year they were running well ahead of the 1997 pace. With Japan, the deficit came to \$58.2 billion through November, up 14 percent from a year ago; for China, the 11-month total was \$52.9 billion, an increase of 15.5 percent. For the entire Pacific Rim region, swept by cricis that began in Thailand in July 1997.

the crisis that began in Thailand in July 1997 the U.S. trade deficit was up a sharp 34 per-cent, to \$148.7 billion, through November.

For November, overall imports rose 0.4 percent, to a record \$94.1 billion. The rise was caused by big increases in imports of computer chips, telecommunications equipment autos and furniture. Exports fell 1.9 percent, to \$78.7 billion, as sales of farm products such as soybeans, rice and wheat declined. Sales of manufactured goods including commercial aircraft, computer equipment, computer chips and telecommunications products were down

# Real Falls In Brazil

BRASILIA - Brazil's newly floating currency plunged Thursday despite approval by the lower house of Congress of a pivotal austerity measure intrended to reassure investors.

The real fell to 1.70 to the dollar from

a-close of 1.56 to the dollar Wednesday, representing a devaluation of around 30 percent since Jan. 12, when Brazil still clung to an exchange rate pegged to the

The central bank reiterated that it was prepared to leave the value of the real up to the market. "There is no intention of

to the market. "There is no intention of intervening, and I am unaware of any intention in that respect," said Altamir Lopes, head of the bank's economics department. The stock market also fell, with the Bovespa index down 4.6 percent at 7,321.32 points.

Traders said shares had slipped because investors were taking profits after several sessions of rising prices. The decline of the real was attributed to market jitters about various factors, including high interest rates and speculation about a possible devaluation of the Chinese yuan.

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Many traders had expected a calmer scenario after the lower house of Congress passed a bill curting federal pensions, increasing the government's chances of trimming the budget deficit.

The cuts would affect about 300,000

retirees and save the government an estimated \$2.5 billion a year. The Senate must still vote on the measure. President Fernando Henrique Car-doso said the vote by the lower house had sent a message to international investors that Congress was willing to

reinvigorating the largest economy in Latin America. "The vote demonstrates Congress's understanding of Brazil's deepest problems," he said.

embrace measures deemed essential to

Antonio Delfim Netto, a member of Congress and former finance minister, had said that although he did not agree with the measure, he would vote for it "to stop the dollar going through the roof."

Other members of Congress took a

different view. "We're taking money from the elderly just to show foreign investors we're working on the crisis," said Paulo Paim of the Workers Party in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

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**Thinking Ahead** /Commentary

## Despite Vote | Doing Business Abroad: The Word From China

By Reginald Dale ntional Herald Tribune

**TASHINGTON** — A fair criticism often leveled at. policy experts in the na-tion's capital is that they live in an ivory tower, detached from the real world of business and finance. So it is refreshing to come across a contribution to debate in Washington that is the fruit of extensive field research among American interna-tional business executives.

Such is a new book by Daniel Rosen, "Behind the Open Door: Forzign Enterprises in the Chinese Marketplace," an in-depth look at how foreign companies operate in China and the consequences for U.S. policy, published by the Institute for International Economics in Washington.

This kind of hard-nosed research is all the more welcome because U.S. policy toward China is particularly prone to takeover by activists with axes to grind on issues ranging from human rights to the transfer of military technology that often have more to do with American domestic politics than with anything actually happening in China.

One of the complaints of the nu-merous American executives Mr. Rosen interviewed in China is that people back home do not appreciate how deeply China is committed to economic liberalization and how far foreign companies are helping to change Chinese society by bringing Western entrepreneurial culture to the

working place.

Nor are the companies' biggest problems those that Washington often supposes. China's notorious demands that foreign companies meet stringent export and local-content requirements, and transfer technology to Chinese partners, are less onerons than is often thought, thanks to loop-holes and lax enforcement, the man-

In fact, they say, the lengthy and difficult negotiations to bring China into the World Trade Organization often seen as the key to anchoring China firmly in the world economy— are not really tackling the issues that most concern foreign businesses. While China's official import tariffs,

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for instance, figure prominently in the negotiations, effective duties are far below the official rate.

And whereas WTO rules mostly affect government behavior, threats to China's economic openness will increasingly come from private practices — such as restrictions on distribution arrangements and business partnerships — just as has frequently happened in Japan.

A bizarre consequence is that some foreign companies that succeed in establishing a niche in the Chinese market, through savvy manipulation of the system, may then work against reform to keep out further foreign

The fundamental problem is that competition policy, under which many shady business practices fall, lies mainly outside the scope of the WTO. That does not mean that it is useless to apply WTO rules to China. On the contrary, membership in the organization would do much to bring China's trading practices up to international standards.

It does mean that competition policy should increasingly be brought into the domain of the WTO. But while the European Union has been keen to do so, the United States has been reluctant, partly because of fears for its sovereignty, partly because it does not want other countries to drag U.S. anti-

Many developing countries would also see such a move as a major threat to their sovereignty. But it makes no sense to compel a country such as China or Japan to remove border barriers under WTO rules and then let it thwart imports by, say, declining to distribute them.

It should be possible progressively to introduce practical ways of preventing such behavior into international agreements — a point even China is coming to see. Policymakers in Beijing, Mr. Rosen writes, increasingly recognize that competition is vital to America's necessary. tal to America's economic success and that the lack of it helped precipitate the Asian financial crisis. Those Chinese policy experts may be more in touch with the real world than some of their counterparts in Washington.

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## Social Security Split: Who Gets Control?

By Michael M. Weinstein New York Times Service

NEW YORK - President Bill Clinton's proposal to shore up the financially shaky Social Security system leans heavily on a leading Republican plan. He would take trillions of dollars of general tax revenue and invest at least some of it in the stock market. The plan is attractive because neither Mr. Clinton nor the Republicans would need to pro-

in retirement benefits. On this feature, Democrats and Republicans easily agree.

But under Mr. Clinton's plan, unveiled in his State of the Union Address, the government would own stocks. The leading Republican plan, proposed by Martin Feldstein of Harvard University and backed by Senator Phil Gramm of Texas and others on Capitol Hill, would turn the general revenue over to individuals for deposit into their own investment accounts.

Therein lie profound political and financial differences.

The retirement of the baby boomers early in the next century combined with their increased longevity will throw Social Security into deficit. The administration proposes to balance the books by tapping future federal surpluses that it expects will total about \$4.5 trillion over the next 15 years.

trillion of that amount into the trust fund. About \$650 billion of the \$3 trillion would be invested in stocks. Under current law, the entire trust fund is invested

in low-yielding government bonds.

The combination of new revenue and high return on stock investments is expected to generate enough money to eliminate deficits in the program for the

next 50 years or so. The proposal has the political virtue of closing the deficit in Social Security without cutting retirement benefits. And by preserving the central feature of the current system — paying benefits en-tirely out of public funds — the proposal avoids certain pitfalls of private ac-counts. The plan would pay retirees a benefit based on their lifelong earnings, not on the vagaries of stock- and bondmarket returns.

The plan would preserve the ability to transfer money from high- to low-paid a single public fund are very low compared with those of setting up 150 million individual accounts.

But the plan solves these financial problems by creating a severe political problem. The administration estimates that government would come to own 4 percent to 5 percent of the value of shares on Wall Street. The danger is that

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• Enron Corp. and RealNetworks Inc. formed an alliance to deliver high-quality video to Internet providers and companies over Enron's fiber-optic network. Financial terms were

• Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Inc.'s fourth-quarter net income fell 32 percent, to \$68.7 million, as revenue from trading fell in a quarter marked by Russia's default and currency devaluation in August.

• UAL Corp., the world's largest airline company, said fourth-quarter profit before charges fell 18 percent, to \$189 million, as business travelers on its United Airlines switched to lower-priced tickets and as sales in Asia fell. The company also confirmed its interest in a possible acquisition of America West Airlines, the ninth-largest U.S. airline.

• Exxon Corp., the largest U.S. oil company, said fourthquarter earnings fell 30 percent, to \$1.53 billion, as crude-oil prices fell to historic lows and margins from selling fuel and chemicals sagged. Revenue fell 15 percent, to \$29.7 billion.

· Lucent Technologies Inc., the world's largest phoneequipment maker, said profit in the financial first quarter rose a better-than-expected 26 percent, to \$1.41 billion, on strong sales of switching systems and computer chips. Sales rose 6 percent, to \$9.2 billion.

•Mobil Corp. pulled out of talks with Shell Australia Ltd. aimed at combining their four Australian refineries, saying it was taking too long to win regulatory approval and could disrupt its plan to merge with Exxon Corp. The venture would have held two refineries near Melbourne, one near Adelaide and another outside Sydney.

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Revenue advanced 7.1 percent to \$4.44 billion.

# Barton Biggs Shakes Up Internet Stocks

NEW YORK - Stocks fell

Thursday, led by technology issues. after an influential Wall Street analyst said the "bubble" in those stocks was close to an end.

Barton Biggs, an analyst with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, predicted that the spectacular rally in Internet stocks, which has pulled the broader market higher in the past several weeks, "will come to a very bad end."

Other analysts said Mr. Biggs's comments were neither surprising nor new but that Internet stock

A setback in the Brazilian stock froth and champagne, which carried companies about a strategic partprices had gone so high that price market also weighed on sentiment, us to this point, and now it's going to nership. levels were being viewed as an ex-

chief analyst at Jefferies & Co. The Nasdaq composite index,

where many Internet and other tech-

dex set record highs in the previous two sessions.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 71.83 points lower at 9,264.08, and the Standard & Poor's

#### U.S. STOCKS

500 index finished 21.45 points lower at 1,235.17. Declining issues Exchange.

analysts said.
"At these valuations, when

Among the big Internet stocks to casts because it had switched to a

nology stocks are listed, fell 70.60 fall was Amazon.com, which lost 61/2 new system for handling its orders, to 1063/2, and Yahoo!, which fell 22 manufacturing and distribution. to 106%, and Yahoo!, which fell 22 manufacturing and distribution. 3/16 to 265. Excite fell 10 15/16 to 85 Lucent fell 8 9/16 to 106 15/16 on 11/16, and eBay lost 30% to 183.

posted profits, many other Internet phone-equipment maker. Lucent recompanies are still far from solid financial results. Analysts also said the fledgling Web companies lacked expectations. Lucent blamed a paenough history or other data to interest long-term investors.

"Earnings are starting to come outnumbered advancing ones by a out, and we're starting to see clay 2-to-1 ratio on the New York Stock feet," said Dick Stein at Noble Investments. "We've already had the service was negotiating with several be hard for earnings to keep growing

cuse to get out of the shares.

"At these valuations, when at such a pace."

Sun Microsystems was the most frothy, people definitely look for a reason to sell," said Arthur Hogan, reason to sell, "Said Arthur Hogan, pull back," said James Tillar, a on worries that the computer maker money manager at Dean Investment might have trouble meeting optimistic second-quarter earnings fore- cent Wednesday,

concern that revenue growth was While Amazon and Yahoo! have slowing at the world's largest teleported strong first-quarter earnings, but its revenue fell short of analysts' perwork delay in reporting \$800 million in deliveries for the shortfall.

Lycos bucked the downtrend in Internet stocks, rising 123/16 to 117 on reports that the on-line search

Some of the money being pulled out of the stock market moved into Treasury bonds, where the price of the benchmark 30-year issue rose 219/32 point to 101 26/32. The yield fell to 5.13 percent from 5.14 per-

Rubin Defends

Clinton Plan on

Social Security

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Robert Rubin, the U.S. Treasury sec-retary, answered crincism of

President Bill Clinton's pro-posal to overhaul the Social Se-

curity system and invest part of

the trust fund in stocks, saying

Thursday that the plan had safe-

guards to block political inter-

as Republicans and the chair-

man of the Federal Reserve

Board, Alan Greenspan, voiced

concerns about the dangers of

leginimate concerns," Mr. Ru-bin said. "To make sure there is

no political influence, there will

be an independent mechanism

and the investment itself will be

done by private-sector money

It would be "virtually im-

possible" to insulate the invest-

ment process from political

pressures, Mr. Greenspan told

the House Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday.

Joe Lockhart, said Thursday that

while Mr. Greenspan was edgy

about investing the trust fund in

stocks, he supported the pres-

ident's broader proposal.

The White House spokesman,

"The chairman raised some

Mr. Rubin's comments come

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(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

# Trade Rift Gives a Lift To Dollar Compiled by Our Staff From Departmen

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NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the yea Thursday on concern that trade tensions between Japan and the United States would result in official steps to weaken the Jan anese currency.

The U.S. trade representative, Charlene Barshefsky, said in a speech Thursday that "trade tensions in our relationship are rising," adding that "from rice and flat glass to autos and insurance, Japan faces renewed friction and mistrust."

The Commerce Department re-ported that the U.S. trade deficit swelled to \$15.5 billion in November from a revised \$13.6 billion in October. While the deficit with

#### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Japan narrowed to \$5.78 billion in November from \$5.97 billion in October, U.S. officials said this did not appear to be the start of any longerterm trend.

The strong yen has hurt Japanese exports, and the Bank of Japan sugar gested that intervention might be

necessary to try to bring the currency down against the dollar.

There may be a time when we have to sell the yen if the market movement becomes violent," said Masaru Hayami, the central bank's

governor. Japan's central bank sold yen for dollars this month, the first time in three years it had stepped into the market to weaken the yen.

The dollar rose to 113.700 yen in 4 P.M. trading from 112.955 yea Wednesday.

The dollar slipped against the pound and the Swiss franc in response to a renewed downturn in Brazilian financial markets. The pound rose to \$1.6515 from \$1.6458. The dollar fell to 1.3853 Swiss franciscom 1.3880 francs. It was life. changed against the euro, which slipped to \$1.1602 from \$1.1612.
The slide in the Brazilian real and

stock market renewed fears about a wider economic crisis in Latin America.

Dealers said that comments from George Soros, a U.S.-based financier, that developed economies were facing an "asset bubble" renewed fears about the lofty level of U.S. stock prices.

Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, said Wednesday that the rally in the U.S. stock markets may be difficult to (Bridge News, AFP)

## TAIPEI: Foreign Minister Warns of Rising Trade-War Risk

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ket had made it clear that the economic crisis is far from over.

"We were looking at a situation perhaps with a slightly more optimistic view toward the end of last year," Mr. Hu said. "Now I think it may be presumptuous and prema-

Taiwan's stock market and currency suffered relatively little from Asia's economic crisis, thanks to be said of the Beijing leadership.

limited exposure to global capital Mr. Hu strongly condemned the markets and a highly competitive industrial base of small companies exporting to the United States. But since late last year, a sharp lead the outside world.

drop in Taiwan stocks has been accompanied by the revelation of new they can sign all the necessary conweaknesses in the property and ventions on human rights and at the banking sectors.

A devaluation of the Chinese yuan remains a real and major worry, Mr. Hu said, adding that Taiwan has prepared contingency plans to minimize the fallout in vulnerable industries and the stock market.
"We hope they will be able to

hold their currency value, but there come visits by democracy advocates is a certain degree of uncertainty,"

recent political crackdown in China again how easily Beijing could mis-

"They show that on the one hand same time violate all the articles and spirits of the conventions." Despite the danger of upsetting

Beijing on the eve of long-suspended cross-strait negotiations, Mr. Hu said Taiwan would continue actively seeking diplomatic recognition as a sovereign state and welexiled by China.

"People try to tell us that you shouldn't do this because you make them unhappy," he said. "The world and said it had demonstrated once has enough people trying to please, placate or not irritate the Chinese Communists. We shouldn't

## **TOCKS:** Political and Financial Differences Over Plan

#### Continued from Page 11

Congress would meddle, for example steering federal dollars into environmentally friendly companies rather than tobacco companies, which were a target of Mr. Clinton's speech Tuesday.

Chairman Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve Board added his weight to the critics Wednesday. "I do not believe that it is politically feasible to insulate such huge funds from government direction," he told the House Ways and Means Committee. "I am fearful that we would use those assets in a way that would create a lower rate of return for Social Security recipients."

Michael Boskin, chief economist surance pointed out, the shuffle shares Mr. Greenspan's concern and rejects the Clinton plan as "politically naive."

Congress will simply not stand said. "Congress is much less likely to tamper with private accounts." Economists say that investing So-

cial Security revenue in stocks would the United States or raise future living standards. It would merely shuffle stock out of accounts of private investors and into a public account.

under President George Bush, would still have an important im-shares Mr. Greenspan's concern and pact. Wealthy families, the report observes, need not care if the public trust fund invests their payroll contributions in stocks, because they can by and let huge surpluses accumuinvest their private savings in stocks,
late without spending them," he reaping the high rate of return that stocks have historically yielded.

Most families, however, save and invest very little. The only way their retirement income can reflect the not in itself affect the saving rate in value of investing in stocks is if the government does the investing for them. Mr. Clinton's proposal to invest some of the trust fund in stocks would bring the benefit of stock But, as a recent report from the investing to a larger number of National Association of Social In- American families.

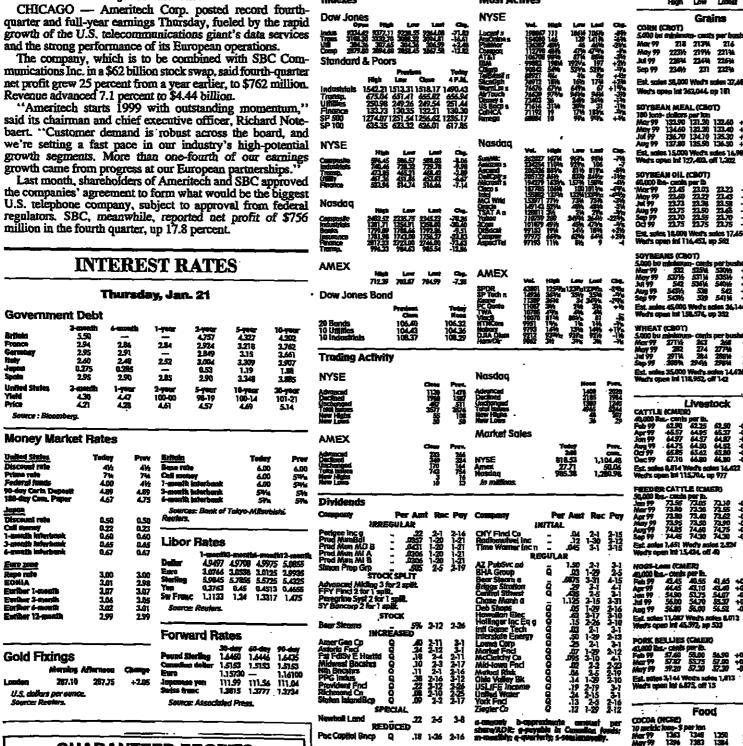
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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1999

# Slump in Exports Takes Toll on German Growth fidence in Western Germany delined in December for a seventh Tourneters said the

of 1998, as a rise in domestic demand failed to offset a slump in exports to Southeast Asia and Russia, the Firance Ministry said Thursday.

The "weak phase" in the German economy is probably just a "dent in growth" limited to the last quarter of 1998 and the first quarter of 1999, the ministry said in its monthly report. The rest of 1999 should see renewed expansion as domestic consumption and construction activity gather pace, the report said. The government expects growth of 2 percent in 1999.

The Bundesbank echoed the Finance Ministry's opinion that growth slowed in the fourth quarter. but it was less optimistic about

growth prospects for this year. The central bank said the economy "markedly lost momentum" at the end of 1998. "The manufac-

fected" by the slowdown, it added. The economic slowdown also was Momic Research's business confidence index, which showed that con-

LONDON - Laura Ashley

furnishings retailer known as much

for its sliding sales as for its floral

prints, said Thursday that Victoria

straight month. Exporters said they were skeptical that domestic demand would compensate for a decrease in international orders.

This is a confirmation that we are clearly in a downward trend for the industrial sector," said Alex-ander Kockerbeck, economist at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson in Frankfurt. "The weakness is once again coming from foreign demand, and we expect that the Asian fallout will feed more and more through into the figures.

Analysts also said that consumer spending, buoyant throughout 1998, might lose steam and fail to make up for industrial weakness.

They said the weak Ifo survey added to a string of bearish data that should give the European Central Bank ammunition to cut interest

rates to help stimulate growth. The new central bank's board deturing industry was particularly af- cided to keep interest rates unchanged after its board meeting Thursday, but it is widely expected reflected in the Ifo Institute for Eco- to cut its 3 percent refinancing rate this quarter, economists said.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

## Sears Agrees To New Offer

LONDON - Sears PLC said Thursday it had agreed to an

increased cash takeover offer from January Investments Ltd. led by the Barclay family and an entrepreneur, Philip Green. Sears accepted the offer, which values the British retailer at £548 million (\$901.8 million), or 359 pence a share, after shun-

ning the group's hostile offer of 340 pence a share. The accord will almost certainly lead to the breakup of Sears, which owns the Freemans mail-order business and the Miss Selfridge and Warehouse chains of women's clothing outlets.

The retailer's largest share-holder, Phillips & Drew Fund Management Ltd., had already accepted the buyer's earlier bid. Sears said the new offer had the unanimous support of its board. Sears has shed more than 25 businesses over five years, including its footwear division,

once the British market leader. Sears shares closed in London at 354.5 pence, up 7.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

The company's shares fell 0.5

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pence to 12 pence (19.7 cents), an

## Volkswagen Chairman Stays Bullish on Brazil

Piech Sees New Possibility for Exports to EU

By Barry James International Herald Tribun

BRUSSELS - Ferdinand Piech, chairman of the board of Volks-wagen AG, said Thursday that he was optimistic about the future of

He said Brazil's decision to allow its currency to float freely, which resulted in a sharp devaluation, opened up new export possibilities for Volkswagen, which is the automobile market leader in South

'The exchange rate is so good we can earn money exporting cars to the European Union from Brazil," Mr. Piech said. He had just returned from opening a new Brazilian auto plant. "We see a good future. We had no losses there last year."

Mr. Piech, making his inaugural speech as president of the European Automobile Manufacturers Association, said that after a "spectacular year" the European car market is showing "a high level of satura-

'This means that Europe, especially in the large national markets, now has only a moderate growth potential in terms of new-car registrations," he said. "The growth rates of the past are getting ever barder to achieve.'

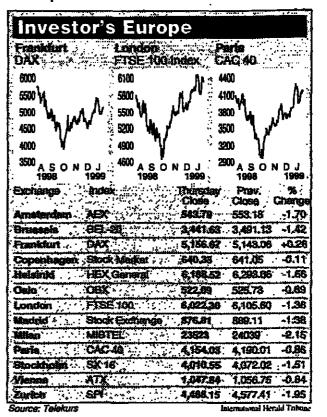
Mr. Piech said the introduction of the European single currency would place new pressures on car manufacturers because it shows the discrepancies in prices among countries and consumers were free to buy here the prices were lowest.

Mr. Piech said Volkswagen would seek to weather the economic crisis in Brazil by putting its 7,000 workers on a four-day week, as it did in Germany in 1993 — a way of cutting labor costs without dismissing employees. "If you fire people, you fire your customers," he said. Those who are fired will never buy

Volkswagen again.' Noting that competitive pressure had reduced the number of independent car manufacturers from 52 to 17 since the mid-1960s, Mr. Piech said pressures to merge would continue. But he said there was still room for small companies like Porsche AG, as well as giants like General

Motors Corp., provided they could dominate specific sectors.

He appealed to the European Commission, the EU's main policy body, not to burden the auto industry with fresh demands for clean air and recycling standards. The industry already has made enormous investments, he said, and it is now up to the oil industry to develop environment-friendly gasoline and



#### **Very briefly:**

 TF1, the French television station, has acquired 8.98 percent of the shares and 7.61 percent of the voting rights in the filmmaker and cinema operator Pathe SA, which owns 20 percent of CanalSatellite, the digital satellite service of the French pay TV group Canal Plus SA and an arch-rival to TF1's Television par Satellite service, known as TPS.

· Lloyd's of Loudon's chief executive, Ron Sandler, 46, will resign this summer and be replaced by Nick Prettejohn, 38. Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries PLC raised its bid for the rival pub operator Marston, Thompson & Evershed PLC to £289.3 million (\$476.6) from £262 million.

•Investor AB's chairman, Percy Barnevik, is trying to persuade General Motors Corp. to buy Volvo AB's car division and merge it with Saab Automobile AB, which Investor owns jointly with GM, according to the Swedish business newspaper Dagens Industri. AFP, Bridge News, Renters

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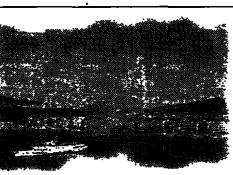
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NEW YORK - Warren Buffett, the investment sage, has often said he welcomes market declines because they put some good-quality merchandise "on allowing him to shop for bar-

These days, however, it is the price of Mr. Buffett's own company, Berkshire Hathaway Inc., that has been reduced, and some investors are wondering

It is not that they think Mr. Buffett, 68, has lost his touch. But how to explain the fact that Berkshire Class A shares have lost nearly 8 percent of their value, to \$64,500 in early trading Thursday, in just the first 20 days of the year and 22 percent from their peak of \$84,000 reached last June 22?

Berkshire's Class B shares, which cost much less but give holders no voting rights and are not convertible to A shares, have fallen at a similar pace, trading at \$2,088.

Not to worry, say those who follow Berkshire most closely. Yes, two of its biggest holdings, Coca-Cola Co. and Gillene Co., have suffered from economic turmoil abroad. But this is the wrong way to look at Berkshire, according to Robert Hagstrom, portfolio manager for Legg Mason Focus Trust

and a Buffett aficionado. Berkshire is often misperceived by

casual investors, including the arbitrageurs who swarm to merger deals, as little more than its huge portfolio of publicly traded stocks, concentrated at last report, which means the 1997 annual report — in eight issues. In addition to Coca-Cola and Gillette, those are American Express Co., Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Wells Fargo & Co., Walt Disney Co., Cit-

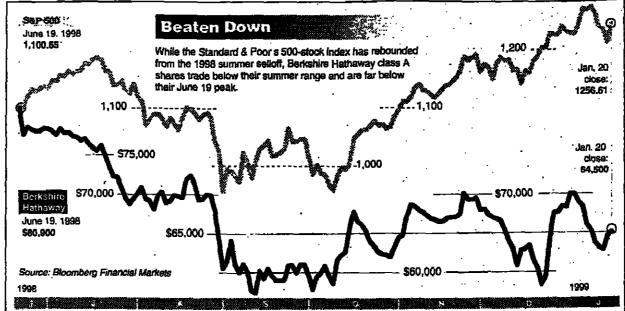
igroup and Washington Post Co. 'It is not correct to analyze a closedend investment company," said Mr. Hagstrom, whose fund has 22 percent of its assets invested in Berkshire. The main business of Berkshire is in prop-

erty and casualty insurance: the "float" generated by these subsidiaries, including Geico Corp., the seventhbiggest U.S. auto insurer, is then invested elsewhere — in stocks and directly into other Berkshire operating businesses. Investors say Berkshire's relative

weakness is mostly a temporary result of its \$22 billion acquisition, announced last summer, of General Re Corp., a giant reinsurance company.
As it turned out, General Re stockholders did not jump at the chance to become Mr. Buffett's investment part-

some of the weakness in Berkshire Investments in Lancaster, Penn-

ners by exchanging their shares for those of Berkshire. That has led to



sylvania, which has long held sizable Berkshire stakes, said: "The real impact is from the massive rotation of owners. You're now asking insurance investors to own a company that has a lot of other

Those things include a portfolio of Thomas Russo, a partner at Gardner stocks carrying high price/earnings systements in Lancaster. Penn-multiples and an increasing stable of

other interests ranging from candy and erations as well as to throw off huge furniture companies to, more recently, those involved in pilot training and ex-

ecutive jets.
In Mr. Russo's view, the pressure on the stock from the exodus of these own-

A Wall Street analyst who spoke on condition of anonymity, however, estimated that only about one-third of General Re's holders would wind up

keeping Berkshire stock.
Disenchantment spread when Standard & Poor's Corp. chose not to include Berkshire in its 500-stock index. the widely used benchmark whose components are "must" buys for index funds. A lack of liquidity was seen as the reason - expensive Berkshire shares do not trade much - though speculation persists that S&P may reconsider. A spokesman for S&P declined to com-

Another factor weighing on Berkshire's price is softness in the world reinsurance market as overca-

pacity forces down rates. But Mr. Hagstrom, Mr. Russo and others say they regard the acquisition of General Re as nothing short of a coup. General Re's huge size figures to add flexibility to Berkshire's insurance op-

amounts of cash that can be invested. And Geico, a low-cost insurer that flirted with bankruptcy in the 1970s, is thriving as never before. Alice Schroeder, a PaineWebber analyst, forecasts rapid growth for Geico over

the next five to seven years.

Martin Sosnoff, chief investment officer for Atalanta/Sosnoff Capital, has reservations about the stock, however.

He argued recently in Forbes magazine that the collapse of world oil prices had significantly dimmed Berkshire's prospects by threatening political disruption for Third World producers and undermining those countries' ability to buy

Fans of Mr. Buffett do not agree: Christopher Davis, portfolio manager of Davis New York Venture Fund and Selected American Shares, had long admired Mr. Buffert without owning

Berkshire stock. Now he counts himself a Berkshire bull and is keeping shares he has re-ceived in exchange for General Re stock

"He'll make more money for his shareholders in a bad market," Mr. Davis said. "In a high-flying market, he may have to bide his time.

Japanese Look To Europe for Higher Yields

TOYKO - For Japanese investors, home may be where the yield is. But

these days, that is anywhere but home.

The country's benchmark Nikk-i
225-stock average is bouncing along at about one-third of the peak it hit in 1989, discouraging investors from equities. Yields on government bonds have risen to nearly 2 percent but are still three percentage points below those on 10-year U.S. Treasury issues. And investors in U.S. bonds have to worry about the sturdiness of the dollar, which has fallen sharply against the yen. Japanese bank

deposits pay a mere 0.1 percent. So where are the Japanese, who have amassed one-third of the world's personal savings, going to store their money? In relatively attractive and currently vogue European markets, says Jardine Fleming Investment Trust and Advisory Co., the asset-management arm of the venerable British broker-

Armed with higher interest rates than Japan and a strong new currency. Europe is as appealing for investment as it is for touring, according to the con-pany's Euro Bond Fund management

Of course, you can't really call the euro countries high-yield countries." said Hironobu Hatano, who helps manage the fund. "But for the Japanese, any non-Japanese investment is high

yield. Jardine Fleming, historically strong in Asia, launched the Euro Bond Fund last Sept. 28 specifically for the Japanese market. The strategy, said Mr. Hatano, is to create a relatively low-risk fund but to generate above-market returns in a few small, discretionary investments.

While the fund measures its performance against the Salomon Brothers EMU Bond index, which is made up entirely of low-risk government bonds issued by the governments of the 11 countries in Europe's common corrency, Jardine Fleming invests a live more than 3 percent in such other European countries as Hungary. Poland and the Czech Republic. It also invests in corporate bonds, making it the only euro multisector bond fund sold in Japan.

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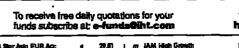
· Malaysia's prime minister, Mahathir bin Mohamad, and some other top officials will meet foreign fund managers next week in Kuala Lumpur, said a representative of Salomon Smith Barney, which is arranging the meeting. It would be the second such meeting in a month organized by Salomon and comes amid optimism that Malaysia will soon ease some of

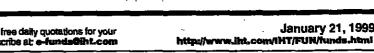
the exchange control rules it imposed last September. China's stock-market listings rose to a total of 851 companies in 1998 from 745 the year before in spite of a prolonged slump in prices, Zhou Zhengqing, chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, said.

• Standard & Poor's Corp. said the collapse of several of, China's trust and investment companies would not affect China's or Hong Kong's sovereign credit ratings.

• Merrill Lynch & Co., the world's largest brokerage, cut employee bonuses about 40 percent for last year, the South China Morning Post reported, quoting unidentified Merrill Lynch employees.







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# **Alliance Wave Bolsters** Japanese Bank Shares

banks rose strongly Thursday as a series of alliances took shape and investors saw them as a sign that the nivesions saw medical banking industry night be turning around.

Japan's leading banks are strug-gling to survive while weighted down by bad loans that have increased since the collapse of the bubble economy in the early 1990s. The banks have been under official pressure to consolidate and take advantage of a government bailout program to clean up their balance sheets.

Only a limited number of banks will be able to go on in their present form," Masaru Hayami, the governor of the Bank of Japan, said Thursday.

On Wednesday, Sanwa Bank Ltd. and Toyo Trust & Banking Co. said they would merge their trust units. On Tuesday, Mitsui Trust & Banking Co. and Chuo Trust & Banking

ering joining a tie-up between Asahi Bank Ltd. and Tokai Bank Ltd. to create a network of "superregional banks" focusing on retail banking.

We desperately need consolidation and restructuring in the bank- a drastic review of the organization." ing sector," said Alex Muromcew, Financial details were not disclosed.

TOKYO - Stocks in Japanese Nicholas Applegate Capital Management. "This is what the doctor's been ordering for the past five

> The benchmark Nikkei 225 average rose 217.40 points Thursday, or 1.6 percent, to 14,245,40, led by bank shares. Sanwa Bank rose 122 yen to 1,142 (\$10.06). Mitsui Trust rose 2 to 117, and Daiwa Bank rose 13 to 182.

> But Moody's Investors Service Inc. warned that it might cut its ratings on Asahi and Tokai because of concerns about future performance. Moody's said its review had been prompted by "concerns that the deterioration of Japan's econ-omy and financial markets may further affect the financial fundamentals of those banks.

(AFP, Bloomberg, AP) ■ BOJ Hires U.S. Consultant

The Japanese central bank has Co. said they would merge.

Another potential alliance consultant for a drastic review of its organization and to boost efficiency, har Daiwa Bank Ltd. was consid-Agence France-Presse reported,

McKinsey & Co. of the United States won the contract from the bank last month, a Bank of Japan spokesman said, adding, "It is the first time we have used a foreign company for

## China Fights **Yuan Rumors**

Agence France-Presse BEIJING - China attempt-

ed Thursday to quash renewed rumors that it would devalue the year, which were partly blamed for sharp drops on the Hong Kong and South Korean stock markets.
"The Chinese government

will continue to maintain the value of the renminbi yuan," a Foreign Ministry spokesman Sun Yuxi, said in a news brief-

ing.
Speculation that China may devalue the yuan has flared anew on regional financial markets after the float of the Brazilian real last week, but analysts said there was no basis for a devaluation, at least in the short term.

Mr. Sun said China was reforming its financial system to enhance China's capability external financial against

He added, "The reforms enable the financial regime to develop in a more steady and

sound manner." Rumors that China would devalue helped send the Hang Seng Index in Hong Kong down 2.6 percent Thursday. They also were blamed for a 5.1 percent drop in the benchmark composite index in Seoul.

## **Despite Job Losses**, Singapore Stays Calm

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE — Joblessness is rising in Singapore after more than a decade of virtually full employment, but, in contrast to some of its Asian neighbors, there is little sign here of incipient social or political unrest

Analysts say this is because unemployment has not reached a painful level and because the government is helping some of those who lose their jobs to improve their skills and find work. Like its neighbors, Singapore is struggling to pull its economy out of the recession it plunged into after the regionwide financial crisis that began in mid-1997.

With more than 85 percent of Singapore's 3.1 million people living in public housing, the government is also offering help to those having trouble meeting their mort-gage payments because of the eco-nomic downturn.

About 27,000 Singaporeans have lost their jobs, pushing the unem-ployment rate to around 4.5 percent, as companies cut staff or closed down because of high costs and declining regional demand. The figure is 35 percent higher than in the previous recession, a short one in 1985, when

almost 20,000 people were laid off. With elections still several years away, the government of Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong is using the recession as an opportunity to cut business costs and make the work force more flexible and productive.

But it is warning Singaporeans that the current recession may be longer and more painful than the last.

Although the island state joined the list of East Asian countries showing "negative growth" when its economy shrank in the last two quarters of 1998, it still managed to report growth of 1.3 percent for the year as whole after adjustment for inflation, according to official figures.

Emphasizing that the outlook is show something between a 1 per- freeze in some companies.'

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Mr. Goh said recently that 1999 would be another difficult year. "Our November economic package has significantly reduced business costs and strengthened our competitiveness," he said, but "despite this package, we cannot avoid some further retrenchments, though much fewer than if we had not reduced

According to preliminary data collected by the Manpower Ministry, about 6,000 workers lost jobs in the last quarter of 1998, said Lee Boon Yang, the manpower minister.
"It's too early to predict what the

figure will be this year," he said.
"There seems to be a slowing down of the rate of retrenchment. If we do a little better than last year's economic growth, then we may be able to get by with fewer retrenchments.'

Still, the number of job vacancies in Singapore has diminished because of the downturn, and job-seekers find it harder to land employment. Some economists are also worried that as wage cuts and job losses spread, domestic demand will fall adding to the deflationary impact of the slump in regional demand.

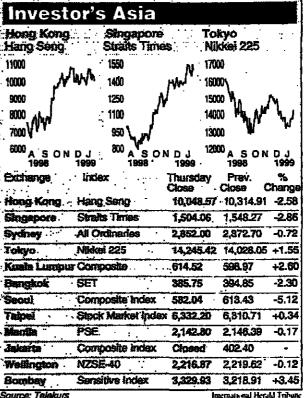
Mr. Goh said he was concerned

that the U.S. economy might slow this year, making it difficult for Singapore to increase exports despite its improved competitiveness. Lim Boon Heng, secretary-gen-eral of the National Trades Union Congress, noted that Malaysia and Indonesia — which along with the

United States are Singapore's top three trading partners — had been hit hard by the financial turmoil. But he said that unions, which in Singapore work closely with the government and employers, had accepted lower annual wage increases, and in some cases no raises, to pre-

"We saw the negotiated average 4 percent at the beginning of 1998 to highly uncertain, the Ministry of about 2 percent by the third Trade and Industry has forecast that quarter," he said. "We also saw economic output for this year will some unions agreeing to a wage

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 Bangkok Bank PLC, Thai Farmers Bank PLC and Siam Commercial Bank PLC, among other Thai banks, reported big losses for 1998 as they made provisions for questionable loans. Bangkok Bank had a net loss of 49.5 billion baht (\$1.34 billion) after a 4.1 billion baht profit in 1997; Thai Farmers lost 39.88 billion baht after a profit of 800.78 million baht a year earlier, and Siam Commercial had a loss of 12.86 billion baht, against a profit of 3.19 billion baht in 1997.

• Chunghwa Telecom Co., the state telecommunications monopoly in Taiwan, will face competition in fixed-line telephone networks for the first time. The government will issue licenses for investors in such networks by the end of the year, and competing service could be started in 2001.

• Intel Corp. will invest \$100 million in Samsung Electronics Co. to expand cooperation on next-generation memory chips. Intel plans to buy \$100 million of convertible bonds exchangeable into about I percent of the shares of Samsung Electronics.

• HSBC Holdings PLC's stock fell after a report in The Wall Street Journal said the bank, the largest in Britain, would soon annual increases fall from just over reveal "huge" losses from its exposure to Thailand. The shares fell 49 pence to £17.17 (\$28.26).

• Toyota Motor Corp. will enter Formula One racing, joining a Japanese rival, Honda Motor Co., which has announced its return to the sport. Toyota said it hoped to have a car in the race circuit by 2003. AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters

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# Tan Gives Up Title of Chief at PAL

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the majority stockholder, Lucio Tan, will remain chairman. relinquished management control, irata, who became acting chief ex-Putive officer and president.

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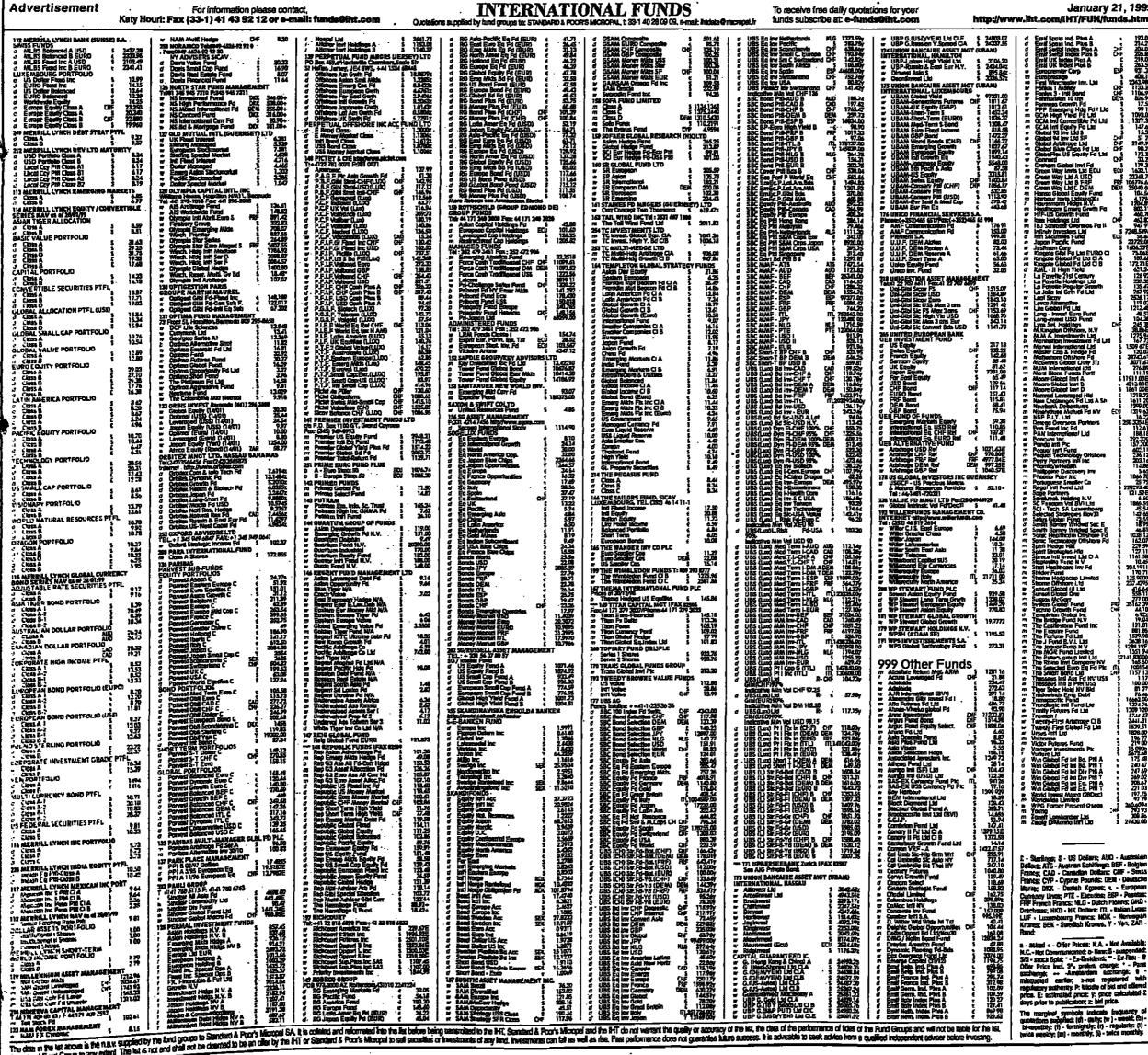
MANILA - In a major shake-up assumed most of the chief exec- chances of surviving. at Philippine Airlines on Thursday, utive's functions in recent months,

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Perfecto Yasay, who heads the

70 percent of the airline and had move should improve the carrier's

The airline, which has \$2 billion in debts and briefly closed down in September because of labor problems, has had to work with creditors operations in October, but its failure to forge a "strategic" partnership with another airline has brought it to (AP, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)



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### WORLD ROUNDUP

#### A Vote for Blatter

SOCCERThe new head of the U.S. Soccer Federation is backing the proposal by FIFA's president, Sepp Blatter, to play the World Cup every two years.

Robert Contigualia, who succeeded Alan Rothenberg last August as the USSF president, said Thursday that the desire to stage the World Cup in the United States again in 2010 or 2014 was a major factor. "In this country, having another World Cup will provide a big

boost," Contiguglia said. South Africa, England and Germany are the top contenders to stage the tournament in 2006. If South Africa wins the bidding, Europe is expected to be the favorite to stage the tournament in 2010.

#### The Worm Turns

BASKETBALL Dennis Rodman changed his mind and decided not to retire after all. The NBA's most outrageous player posted a mes-sage on his Internet site announcing his un-retirement. "I've been reviewing my options." Rodman wrote, "and those options still include playing in the NBA this season with a contender. Chicago, New York and L.A. are all cities I'd like to play in. Playing overseas could be pretty cool, too." (AP)

#### **New Coach for Colorado**

FOOTBALL Gary Barnett, who revived a moribund program at Northwestern, was named the 22d head football coach in University of Colorado history. Barnett replaces Rick Neuheisel, who left Colorado for the head coaching job at the University of Washington. (AP)

#### Three on Top With 67s

GOLF The Englishman Ian Garbutt, the American Ron McCann and the German Sven Struver capitalized on calm morning winds and each shot 4-under par 67s to share the lead Thursday after the first round of the South African Open in Stellenbosch. Nick Faldo, who predicted the course would be a "piece of cake," shot 70, while Ernie Els, the defender, matched par. (AP)

# Despite Her Many Faults, They Love Kournikova

## She Wins, but No. 8 Rusedski Is Upset

By Christopher Clarey International Herold Tribune

MELBOURNE — There is an adage in tennis that "a player is only as good as his or her second serve.

If that were entirely true, Anna Kournikova would not be in the third round of the Australian Open. After serving 23 double faults in her opening match, she served 31 more on Thursday in a 1-6, 6-4, 10-8 victory over Japan's Miho Saeki that was often about as easy to watch as a petrified child's first piano

"I'm really frustrated about it, just like everybody who's watching," the

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12th-seeded Kournikova said afterward. "In practice, I feel fine. I serve normal, and there's no sign of double faults. But when I come to the line when I play there is something happening. I'm just going to have to get over it and try to fight through, just like I did today."

There were matches with more importance at Melbourne Park in the second round Thursday. There was Barbara Schett's minor upset of Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the No. 4 women's seed and reigning French Open champion. There was the Stanford University. player Paul Goldstein's major upset of Greg Rusedski, the No. 8 men's seed.

But the talking point in the stadium halls and concession stalls was Kournikova, and for a change it had more to do with her performance than her appearance.

"It's excruciating; I'm sure she's go-ing crazy," said the American Todd Martin, who won and will face Petr Korda in the third round. "It's just difficult when your serve goes. It's obvious. Everybody realizes, even the most ignorant of tennis people."

Steffi Graf, who defeated Barbara Schwartz, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, said that "everybody talking about it and asking about it just makes it so much more difficult mentally."

Martina Hingis, Kournikova's

doubles partner here, took the whole issue less seriously and said Kournikova's travails had become regular viewing in the locker room.

"It's quite funny," Hingis said "I mean, it's like you wait until the next nament."

double fault comes." Kournikova's difficulties, which began last fall, have hardly reduced her fan base. While Korda was in the midst of overwhelming Julian Alonso of Spain, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1, in the match that preceded Kournikova's on Court 2, someone in the crowd shouted, "Hurry

up! We want to see Anna!" When the 18-year-old arrived, a group of young men waved a banner that read, "And on the seventh day, God created Anna.'

But there was nothing divine about her service games.

Nearly a quarter of the points she lost in the match came on double faults, and though she did manage to hit 39 second serves in the court, they were often so weak that Saeki could force the Russian on the defensive with her return. Kournikova's frustration occasion-

ally seeped into other parts of her game. She led by 5-0 in the final set but then double faulted on both match points she had in that game. Saeki's comeback to 5-5 was underway, but to Kournikova's credit, she did not wilt in the midday Australian heat. She broke Saeki in the next game and then earned her third match point at 6-5, ad-in, but knocked a short overhead in the net and then failed

In all, there would be 21 breaks of serve, but Kournikova, after beginning to suffer leg cramps and after squandering a fourth match point, finally broke the cycle and served out the match at 9-8. When it ended, she looked much more relieved than delighted.

"Her spirit is very strong," said Kournikova's coach Pavel Slozil, who has consulted with the Australian Davis Cup coach, Tony Roche, this week about Kournikova's service problems.

"Roche said that no matter what we do, we must stay positive and she must keep on letting the racquet head go,"
Slozil said. "She must keep swinging freely through the ball, not try to slow

down the racquet speed."

Slozil said Kournikova had been practicing "very hard" and hit "200 to 300 serves every day" without problems. "Bur for these girls who are 17 or 18 years and arrows parts is no touch as 18 years old, every match is so tough, so important," he said. "It's not easy to take what you do on the practice courts and transfer it into a Grand Slam tour-



Andre Agassi serving Thursday in his 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 6-0 victory over Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic.

For Kournikova's mother, Alla, the problem is linked to the torn ligaments Anna suffered in her serving hand and which kept her out of Wimbledon last

Slozil said he had noticed "she was not so sure about her serve" since she lost in the second round to Amanda Coetzer last August in Atlanta.

In her first four matches this year, she has double-faulted 91 times, but Kournikova said she had not yet considered consulting a sports psychol-

'Can we talk about something nice?" she asked nicely.

Others had less traumatic victories on Thursday. Jim Courier of the United States reached the third round with a four-set victory over Younes El Aynaoui of Morocco. The Australian 15year-old Jelena Dokic, who is competing in her first Grand Slam event and already drawing huge crowds, reached the third round by defeating the American Kristina Brandi and will play Hin-

Hingis beat Russian qualifier Elena Dementieva, a 17-year-old qualifier who is ranked No. 185 and occasionally had Hingis scrambling in the early go-

"I'm getting all the juniors now, it's unbelievable," said Hingis, all of 18. "It's definitely a new feeling for me." Beating Sanchez Vicario was nothing

new for Schett, the rising Austrian. She did it just last week in Sydney on her way to the semifinals. That time, she needed three sets. This time, she needed only two, winning 6-2, 6-2.

'I think tennis has changed a lot now." Schett said. "It's a lot faster, and the girls are playing more aggressive now than Arantxa does. With her type of game, you really have to move very well, and at the moment, I think she has some problems with her forehand and doesn't have a lot of self-confidence."

Few would have expressed confidence that Goldstein, a qualifier ranked No. 187, would knock Rusedski out of the Australia Open. But the 22-year-old from Rockville, Maryland, who turned professional after graduating from Stanford last June, wove a fine web against the Briton to win by 6-4, 6-7 (9-11), 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

Though Rusedski, who has been struggling so far this season, was hardly in rare form, Goldstein served cleverly, covered court well and lobbed and returned very well.

"He's probably one of the best guys I've ever played in terms of returning my serve," said Rusedski, the 1997 U.S. Open finalist who has the fastest and one of the finest overall serves in the

Goldstein attended high school and Stanford with President Bill Clinton's daughter, Chelsea. At Stanford, he was a human biology major and the first player to be a member of four consecutive National Collegiate Athletic Association championship tennis teams.

Not surprisingly, he talks nearly as good a game as he plays.

"It's a pretty humbling place," he said of Stanford. "As John McEnroe said when he came the summer after he got into the semis of Wimbledon at 18 years of age and was 30 in the world. He shows up on campus as a freshman and he thinks all the women will be all over him, and he left after a year because it was like, 'I was nothing there.' I might have misquoted him a little bit, but I think that's the general gist of it."

While Goldstein was providing freshness and light, Korda and the fal lout from his positive test for steroids

continued to set a darker mood. The promotional poster for this year's Australian Open features defending champions Hingis and Korda, who is pumping his fist. According to several someone drew a syringe on top of Korda's fist on one of the posters hanging in the men's locker room.

After his match against Alonso, Korda said he had been heckled by fans. although he declined to relate what had been said.

Meanwhile, the Czech players Slava Dosedel, Martin Damm and Jiri Novak all indicated that if Korda was included in another Davis Cup team, they would refuse to play.

Korda retired from Davis Cup play in

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1997 but has not ruled out a return und the new Czech captain, Tomas Smid." "It's very bad for Czech tennis, this case," said Dosedel, who was beaten in

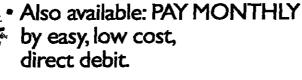
straight sets by an extremely sharp Andre Agassi on Thursday. Korda has explained nothing to us Czech players either, and that is bad,



Mary Pierce reacting to a return players who declined to be identified, by Anne Kremer of Luxembourg.

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#### TENNIS **AUSTRALIAN OPEN**

WEDSERDAY IN MELBOURNE

MAIN'S SINGLES, 2D ROURD

Petr Kards. Czech R., def. Julian Alorso,
5p. 63, 6-1, 6-1; Vincent Spades, U.S., det.
Franco Squillari. Arg., 6-3, 6-4, 6-4,
Giasluca Pazzi. Italy, det. Llonel Roux, Fr.
24, 6-3, 6-1, 3-0 relinent Todd Martin; (15),
U.S., def. Hendrik Dreekmann. Ger., 4-6, 6-2,
7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

Nicolos Kiefes, Ger., def. Cacil Margniti I) c os Kiefer, Ger., def. Cecil Mamilt, U.S., NECONS KIESTS, GEC. GEV. COCI Marmit, U.S.
6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (9-7): Wayne Block, Zim., del.
Andrei Medvedev, Ukr. 6-4, 6-4, 3-4, 4-6, 6-2
Tomay Hoose Gev. del. Lleyton Hewitt,
Australia. 4-6, 6-4-5, 6-4: Yvegeny Kafelnikov (10), del. Juson Statienberg, Australia.
7-5, 3-4, 7-6 (12-10), 7-6 (7-3).
Peul Goldstein, U.S. del. Geog. Proceedings

7-5. 3-6. 17-6 (17-10). 7-6 (7-3).
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(8). Britari. 6-4. 6-7 (9-11). 7-6 (7-5). 6-2. Jan
Ceurler, U.S., def. Younes Al Aymousi, Morocca. 7-6 (7-2). 6-4. 5-7. 6-2.
Martin Damm. Czech R., def. Sorgis Sarqsi,
Gr., Armenia. 4-5. 6-7. (3-7). 6-4. 6-3.
Febrice Sortion, Fr., def. Guillioume Ruous,
Fr., 6-4. 1-6-6-2. 4-6-5.
Daniel Nestor, Canada, def. Sieng
Schulken, Neth., 7-5. 6-1, 6-6. Jirl Novock,
Crach R., def. Armoud Clement, Fr., 2-4. 6-7.

Crech R., def. Amoud Clement, Fr., 3-6, 6-7 Crech R., Oet. Amoud Clement, Fr., 3-6, 6-7 (1-7), 6-0, 6-3, 6-3. Andrei Parel. Rom. def. Stephane Huet. Fr., 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3: Andre Agassi (5), U.S., def. Stavo Dosedal. Crech R., 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 6-0.

WOSHEM'S SINGLES, AD ROUMED Screen Williams, U.S., def, Magui Serna, Sp., 6-1, 6-3: Subine Appelmans, Belgium, def, Addana Serno-Zametri, linty, 6-3, 6-1, Moniton Seles (6), U.S., def, Amela Dechaume-Bolleret, Fr., 6-1, 6-4; Mary Joe Fernandez, U.S., def, Amy Frazier, U.S., 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

7-5.6-3.
Andreb Gjoss, Ger., def. Totteré Panova.
Rus., 7-5. 6-7 (2-7), 7-5. Jelena Doke, Austrafic, del. Kristina Brandt U.S., 6-4, 7-5.
Amanda Cacter (14), S. Afr., del. Julie
Hahard-Decogis, Fr., 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, Steffi Grat
100, Ger., def. Barbara Schwartz, Austria, 44, 6-1, 6-2. Mary Pierce (7), Fr., det. Anne Kremer,

Linembourg, 6-2, 6-1; Janet Lee, Tahvandel Samantha Reeves, U.S., 7-5, 6-7.
Sandrine Testud (14), Fr. def. Els Callens, Belgium, 6-3, 6-1; Anna Koumikava (12), Rus., def. Mita Saeki, Japan, 1-4, 6-4, 10-8, Rita Grande, Italy, def. Li Fong, Chima, 6-2, 6-4; Barbara Scheft, Austika, def. Aragina Sanchez-Vicario (4), Sp., 6-2, 6-2. Sanchez-Vicario (4), Sp., 6-2, 6-2.

Elena Likhoviseva, Rvs., def. Virginia R.:

and Pascual, Sp., 6-2, 6-3 Martino Hingis (2),

Switz., def. Elena Dementieva, Rus., 6-3, 6-2.

#### TRANSITIONS

RASEBALL
MAIOR LEAGUE BASEBAI
AMERICAN LEAGUE
MESOTA—ARROUNCED refre

HP Bob Tewksbury.

OAKLAND --Agreed to terms with RHPT\_J. latheus on 7-year contract. SEATTLE—Designated OF Tarrik Brock for assignment.

TAMPA BAY - Agreed to terms with LHP
Terrell Wade on 1-year contract.

TERAS - Agreed to terms with C Gregg Zoun. RHP Batmdon Knight, RHP Corey Lee.
LHP Mike Venatro. OF Ricky Williams and
OF Mike Zywica on 1-year contracts.

Tokostro - Agreed to terms with RHP Vincente Palacios on 1-year contract. Designated C Mark Dalessandro and OF Partick
Lennon for assignment.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE
MILWAUKEE —Nomed Ron Jockson first-

base cooch.

MONTREAL —Agreed to terms with PHP
Dustin Hermonson on 1-year contract.

POOTBALL

MATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ARIZONA—Re-signed Fill Rod Brown. OG

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and WR Kevin Drake from practice squad. (CAROLINA —Named Scalt O'Brien special
teams cooch. GREEK BAY —Nomed Emmilt Thomas de-

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ends couch. Harry Sydney running backs 
couch. Ken Zampese offensive assistantquality control, Albie Trigonac defensive line 
cooch, Johnny Holland linebackers couch. 
Joo Vitt defensive backs couch, and Chuck 
Krax Jr. defensive backs couch and Chuck 
Lacksonville —Signed DT James Chyburn. WR Domon Duran. CB Henra Orlead, 
and TE Mark Thomas from practice squad. 
Signed FB Marti Calhoun. C Dave Kemplert. 
PK Steve Lindsey. Lis Jason Mevadonisty, 
TE Cam Quayle and G Steve Ingram. 
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quariethacks couch to afferse reconfinate. Minisesora—Promoted Chip Myers from quarterbucks coach to affensive coordinator. Named Ray Sherman quarterbacks coach. PITTSBURCH—Named Bab Bratkowski

ide receivers cooch. SAN DIEGO... Signed CB Charles Dimry to 2-

year contract.

Sam Francisco—Signed OT Dave Flore to
4-year contract. Named Bill Walsh general
manager and signed thin to 4-year contract.

SEATTLE—Named Milko Sheppard quarterbacks coach.

TENNESSEE—Named Jerry Gray defensive
hacks. Crack.

Steam Watterson.

backs Coach, Signed Steve Watterson strength coach to 3-year confract extension. NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
LOS ANGELES—Put F Craig Johnson on injured reserve, remouchive to Jon. 15.

jured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 1s. [J.4]

COLLEGE

EWILER—Announced C.F. Scott Robieth
has trunsferred from Charboma State.

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take same position at Colorado. Named
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#### **SPORTS**

# 'Irrefutable Evidence' of Corruption

After Inquiry, Top IOC Official Condemns Actions of Some Members

By Steven Pearlstein Washington Post Service

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NEW YORK - A senior International Olympic Committee official says there is "solid, irrefutable evidence" lat a number of IOC members or their felatives received cash, gifts or donations directly or indirectly from organizers of the Salt Lake City Games.

The official, Richard Pound, the IOC

vice president who is chairman of a special panel looking into allegations of corruption and bribery surrounding Salt Lake City's selection as site of the 2002 Winter Ólympics, said that in several cases the amounts exceeded \$100,000.

[Pound apologized to fans, athletes and the people of Salt Lake City on Thursday for the scandal, The Associated Press reported from New York. Pound said that the case had left the committee "profoundly disappointed" and that it was prepared to take strong steps to make sure the culprits were

["We'd like to express our sincere apologies for the actions of certain IOC members," said Pound. "Their conduct reas been completely contrary to everything the Olympic movement has worked so hard to represent. Moreover, the IOC would like to express its deep-est regrets to the people and community of Salt Lake City."

After a season-long layoff, Pavel

Bure needed only 12 minutes of ice

time to score two goals. The Florida

Panthers can only wonder what he will

"Everyone knows who he is and what he can do," said the Florida

NHL ROUNDUP

coach, Terry Murray, after Bure led

the Panthers to a 5-2 victory over the

Islanders on Wednesday in Uniondale,

Bure, acquired in a seven-player

trade Sunday with Vancouver, said he

felt a little rusty when he took his first

do once he gets in shape.

New York.

but that the behavior of a few of the 115member committee could not be tolerated. He also said Salt Lake City won the 2002 Winter Games "because it produced the best, most comprehensive

bid. End of story."]
Pound and other members of the panel met in New York with their lawyers and members of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, who have been co-operating with the IOC since the scandal came public last month.

One member of the IOC has resigned in the aftermath of the mushrooming scandal, while several other IOC members have disputed the allegations of wrongdoing in writing. Pound and four colleagues on the panel have reviewed those responses for the first time, along with the Salt Lake committee officials.

'When you see it in black and white, it's pretty blatant stuff, so I don't think the people involved are going to be able to explain it away;" Pound said.

Pound and the other panel members are due to fity to IOC headquarters in

Lausanne this weekend to present their final report to the body's executive committee. After the presentation, the IOC members mentioned in the report will have an opportunity to present their own defense. If they fail to sway the committee, they will be asked to resign or face

Bure Makes an Auspicious Debut With Panthers

'My timing wasn't there in the first

Things were a lot better in the

second, when Bure took off on a

breakaway and beat the Islanders'

goalie, Felix Potvin, to give the Pan-

thers a 2-1 lead at 7:39 of the period.

landers' Claude Lapointe: "He's a

world-class player. You can't give him

many chances in front. It doesn't matter

Bure added a power-play goal in the third period when the Panthers scored

three times to extend the Islanders'

winless streak to 11 games (0-10-1).

Bure returned to the National

if he's out three months or a year."

Bure didn't look rusty to the Is-

period," he said.

NHL shift since the end of last season. Hockey League on his own terms, for-

[Pound said that his investigation had found no evidence of criminal activity, a special meeting scheduled for March. Pound said the instances of corruption engaged in by some IOC members were

so egregious that they could not be ex-

plained by differences in the way business is conducted in some cultures. Thirteen IOC members have been implicated publicly in the corruption

Even as Pound and his colleagues complete their initial investigation of the activities of the SLOC, revelations from around the world about other bid-

ders for other Olympic Games have forced the IOC into ordering a wider inquiry, going back at least a decade.

'I don't think any of us believes that Salt Lake is the first time this sort of

#### thing has happened," said Pound. ■ Other Olympic Cities Respond

There were these other developments, The Associated Press reported:

• Pressure from the Winter Olympics bribery scandal has prompted Sydney officials to make public documents they say help show that the Australian city's bid for the 2000 Summer Games was without misdeeds.

Organizers of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics said they would welcome an investigation, if only to stop speculation about possible misdeeds during the bid-

cing his trade from the Canucks with a

season-long holdout. In the last year of

a contract paying him \$8 million a

year, Bure is reportedly working on a

on an all-Russian line with Viktor

acquired defenseman Bryan Berard

had a goal and two assists as Toronto

Devils 4, Mighty Ducks 3 Vadim Sharifijanov scored the go-ahead goal with 11:20 remaining to lift New Jersey

to victory in Anaheim. Lyle Odelein

had three assists for the Devils.

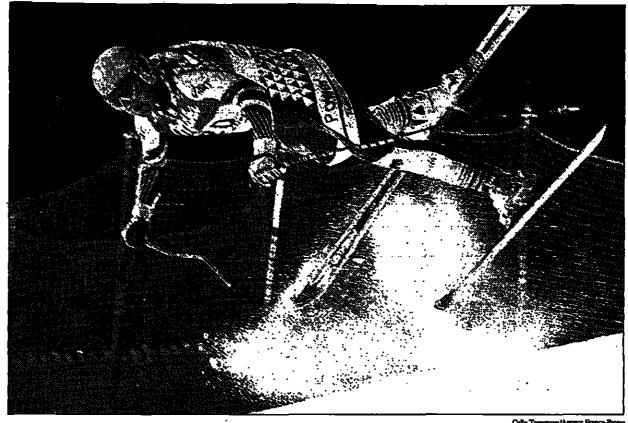
Against the Islanders, Bure skated

Maple Leafs 6, Stars 4 The newly

five-year deal worth \$50 million.

Kozlov and Oleg Kvasha.

won in Dallas.



Patrick Ortlieb of Austria trumbling off the course Thursday in a training run for weekend races in Kitzbuehel, Austria. He broke his right thigh, dislocated his right hip and suffered neck bruises in the crash.

## Ski Crash May End Austrian's Career

KITZBUEHEL, Austria - A terrifying crash Thursday may have ended the career of Patrick Ortlieb of Austria, the former Olympic and world downhill ski champion.

Ortlieb, 31, suffered a compound fracture of his right thigh, a dislocated right hip and neck bruises in a practice run for a downhill doubleheader here Friday and Saturday.

The Austrian, who won the Kitzbuehel downbill in 1994, lost his balance in the final corner of one of the most treacherous courses on the World Cup circuit.

Coming into a corner known as the Hausbergkante at about 100 kilometers an hour (60 miles an hour), Ortlieb cartwheeled and smashed into the safety net. He received treatment on the spot before being taken by helicopter to a doctors said.

a hospital in Innsbruck for emergency

Surgery.
Ortlieb won the Olympic downhill at the 1992 Winter Games in Albertville, France, and the world championship in 1996 in Sierra Nevada. He was fourth at the 1994 Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

The severity of injuries appeared likely to end the career of Ordieb, who had been thinking of retiring after this season. Ortlieb also crashed badly at Wengen, Switzerland, last weekend, suffering back and neck bruises.

Frederic Marin-Cudraz of France crashed at the same spot later Thursday and was taken to the hospital with a knee injury. He tore ligaments in his left knee and will miss the rest of the season,

local hospital. Ortlieb was later flown to French Women Get a Victory

Regine Cavagnoud scored a longawaited first career victory Thursday in a World Cup downhill and ended a 17year drought by French women in the discipline, The Associated Press reported from Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy.

"It is about time a French woman won in downhill," said a jubilant Cavagnoud, who had never won a race in her eight years on the circuit.

The French women's most recent victory in downhill was in 1982, when Caroline Attia won in Sansicario, Italy. On Thursday, Cavagnond edged the Italian favorite, Isolde Kostner — winner of the past three downhills in Cortina by just 14 hundredths of a second. Cavagnoud completed the course in I minute 31.06 seconds.

## Fans in Tow, Jordan Sets Off on Retirement With a Round of Golf

**By Thomas Bonk** Los Angeles Times Service

LA QUINTA, California — On the occasion of his new career as the most (retired basketball player division), Mihael Jordan chose a tasteful black shirt, tailored gray slacks with white accents and distinctive brown and black shoes, then accented the ensemble with a cigar longer than a three-pointer.

The tears might not have dried yet on the sidewalks of Chicago since he announced his retirement from the Bulls a week earlier, but there was Jordan at the tee Wednesday, ready to take a swing at his new life, surrounded by about 5,000 fans who had shown up at Bermuda Dunes to watch him start the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Let the record show he did all right. 'It was a lot of fun,'' Jordan said just before he disappeared in a sea of fans wedged into a supposedly secure area between the yellow gallery ropes. Actually, it was probably a lot safer

Barkley on the golf course. Barkley, who swings like someone trying to kill a on the last hole, Barkley threw his arm cockroach, had Jordan flat on his back in around Green and said, "We're still laughter after knocking his golf ball trying to figure out who you are." lebrated amateur golfer in the world over the grandstand on his approach to But everybody knew Jordan, and the No. 18, their minth hole. Barkley also drove his ball on No. 6 onto the No. 5 fairway and generally played like someone severely directionally chal-

Payne Stewart, the pro who played in the foursome with Jordan and Barkley, shook his head in mock terror when asked to describe Barkley's swing.

"It's pretty ugly," he said.
Then there was Jordan Curtis Strange, who has played with Jordan before, said he had a great swing, hit the ball a long way and needed only to

practice to get a lot better.

Listed as a 10 handicap for the event, Jordan made six bogeys, two birdies, eight pars and picked up his ball twice in his group that, besides Stewart and Barkley, included Roy Green, a former wide receiver with the Cardinals and

Eagles. At the end of the round, after Jordan had sunk a 30-foot (9-meter) putt

PGA Tour commissioner, Tim Finchem, was more than happy to welcome him to the golf fold, full time or not (just show up on TV over the weekend, please!)

Finchem came close to popping the buttons on his blue blazer when he discussed the life of Jordan the golfer.

"I think everybody should think about golf the week after they retire, especially the greatest basketball player of all time," Finchem said. "It's a great attraction."

Well, yes, he is. On the driving range, Barkley was asked to compare his golf game to Jordan's and had to admit that Jordan's was better, which was obvious to anyone who could tell straight from crooked. "Obviously he's a better liar, too, masquerading with that 10 handicap," Barkley said.

THEN WHAT? THEN WE'LL HIKE BACK

DOWN AGAIN,

Where Jordan goes from here down the golf road is unclear. There have been rumors that Jordan and Tiger Woods will play together at the AT&T Pebble

He said he had sliced himself with his cigar-cutter while vacationing in the Ba-

When Jordan birdied the second hole, he exclaimed, "And I did it with nine fingers!

Barkley spent most of the day trying to keep track of his ball. But he really wasn't surprised to be playing golf with Jordan because, he said, he had known Jordan was going to retire. And the announcement wasn't

exactly kept secret, either. "I got 500 TV stations at my home on the dish, and he was on every one of

them," Barkley said. Stewart said he had enjoyed his fivehour-plus round despite all the distractions. He wasn't happy about shooting a one-under 71, but that's celebrity golf. Jordan's tee time.

STOP SAYING,

"THEN

WHAT?"

opinion of Jordan's golf game:

"Michael has got some beautiful rhythm," he said. "He works very hard. Beach Pro-Am in two weeks, but Jordan He's just an exceptional athlete. When I is supposed to have surgery Monday to repair a cut on his right index finger. saw the pairings, I was very excited. I knew I needed to focus and disregard the circus atmosphere. He did terrific. I'm sure it would be just as awkward for me to be on a basketball court.

"Michael Jordan is an icon. He needs more practice refining his short game, although he putted the ball extremely well. It's just a matter of timing with him. He can make it. He's got such a big arc, he can really generate a lot of clubhead speed.

"The thing with golf is, the more you practice, the better you get - except for Charles.'

The gallery following Jordan thinned out on the back side, but the enthusiasm was not dimmed.

And in the morning, traffic was jammed on the way into Bermuda Dunes with fans hoping to make

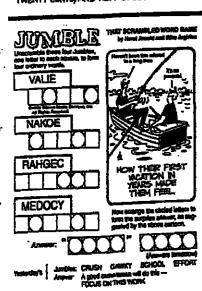


Michael Jordan taking a swing at a new life in the Hope tournament.

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## Car Crazed in Cairo

By Howard Schneider Sashington Post Service

has become a 3-mile-an-hour exercise in gridlock that for- ulations. eign analysts rate as among

chaos begins at home, an os- across the Nile has eased tensibly one-way street in travel from the city's southern front of the department hosts neighborhoods to the north a steady flow of two-way near the Giza pyramids and traffic, all under the indiffer- beyond to Alexandria. Trips ent eyes of policemen at the building's entrance. that formerly required a drive through midcity traffic now building s entrance.

Multiply that scene a hundred times. Add the stop signs parking that seems to clog every artery. Stir in illegal left turns and debris-filled roads.

carts, horse carts, delivery bicycles and load-bearing pedestrians, and it is easy to un- choke points and help turn derstand the sentiments of Lieutenant Ahmed Assem, who is part of the government's effort to create a new era of order on this giant city's streets.

ing." he said. "If our pro- seen clamped on entire rows gram falls back, I hope I will live somewhere else.

Unsnarling Cairo's traffic jammed arterial roadways. mess is a monumental task. but also an essential one in the as important as better roads, view of World Bank analysts, said a World Bank transport who recently estimated the analyst, George Tharakan. cost of Cairo traffic jams — in "Genting control of the internlost wages and other disrup- al streets is a question of telling tions — at hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

That does not count the fiofficials fear, the city's traffic are bad. Cairo is worse.

could start driving away tour-

ists and foreign investors. So the officialdom of Cairo CAIRO— The scene in is investing in major road im-front of the Municipal provements and confronting, Traffic Department here not for the first time, the leshows why driving in this city gendary disdain of its residents for traffic rules and reg-

A highway encircling Cairo is to be completed with-In an example of how in two years, and a new bridge take only a few minutes.

Out-of-town taxis and othat which no one stops, the red lights that everyone ignores in lots outside the city, where and the double-and triple- their passengers can transfer to local transport.

And a new tunnel beneath the central bazaar, the site of Spice the mix with donkey some of Cairo's oldest Islamic architecture, promises to ease one of the worst traffic that area into a more ped-estrian-friendly space.

But the city's best hope may rest on a less expensive "Things in Cairo have fix: the infamous "Denver reached the point of suffer- boot," which now can be of illegally parked cars along the Nile Corniche and other

Steps like that are every bit people you cannot just park

your car where you like. He was one of the six World nancial and social costs as- Bank analysts who spent two sociated with accidents, pol- weeks studying the city's lution, lost investment and traffic. Their conclusion: traffic injuries and deaths. If Bangkok is bad. Beirut is bad. things get much worse, local Tehran is bad. Plenty of places

# Art Buchwald: He'll Always Have Paris

wouldn't pay."

By Mitchell Martin International Herold Tribune

NEW YORK — In early 1949, a 23-year-old Art Buchwald wrote his first column for this newspaper. At the time, he was in Herald Tribune.

Paris, where he spent 14 years hobnobbing with visiting American ce-lebrities and other aristocrats while conscientiously plowing through the lunches, dinners, parties and shows that were the occupational hazards of an entertainment and nightlife columnist in postwar Europe.

It seems like it was a pretty good job, squiring the likes of Bogart and Bacall, Lena Horne and Elvis Presley around Paris. But it began badly, he said, largely because his newspaper experience consisted solely of some unpaid work for Variety

With those credentials and some questionable early writing, he said, "I figured I was going to get canned, so I started being funny. I was funny about international stuff, I was funny about the Aga Khan,

the Duchess of Windsor. Eventually, he said, his ineptitude at writing and the dealing with the daily difficulties of Parisian life, worked to his advantage and he built a following: "I have been described — and I don't ob-ject to it — as a Charlie Chaplin figure. Everything happened to me, and it also happened to all the tour-ists and they identified with it."

Perhaps, but not everybody got two free meals with the Aga Khan articles and you seem to know a lot of restaurants in this town. Would you take me to a good one?"

d'Or, off the beaten track." So with the Aga Khan's lawyer in tow, off they went and a splendid time was had by all - until the end.

"We had a fantastic bottle of wine. The check came and nobody made a move for it, so I had to take Paris, writing for what was then the it. It was like about \$50 a person." European edition of the New York Fifty bucks back then translates to lerald Tribune. About \$900 in today's money. Even Fifty years later, Buchwald has in those days, the Herald Tribune's moved to New York, although the accountants kept an eagle eye on Herald Tribune now exists solely in expenses, so of course the \$150 was an ourrage. "Where do you get off taking the Aga Khan to lunch?" Buchwald recalled his editor, Eric Hawkins, berating him. "So I looked at him and said: He

> Hawkins gave in and approved the expense, but the story wasn't over. "A few weeks later," Buchwald says, "I got a call from the Aga Khan: You took me to a good restaurant, now I'm going to take you to one. Next Sunday, lunch?" So off they went, "in a block-long Rolls-Royce."

> When he was not dining with royalty, Buchwald's usual haunts were on the Champs-Elysees, near the newspaper's former offices on Rue de Berri. His favorites were Fouquet's and the now-vanished Alexander's, both near Avenue George V.

Fouquet's was known for the quality of its kitchen, not bargain prices. So was he rich?

"I don't know. That was another mystery of Paris. I always went to

to the silver screen.

"The Aga Khan called me once, had had enough of such exacting the big one, Ali's father. 'Mr. labor and asked to be transferred to Buchwald, I've been reading your Washington. "The thing that was wrong with me, why I wanted to leave, was that I had run out of in Washington journalism during ideas on how to satirize the his 36 years there, though the res-



the best places, I never made a lot of Art Buchwald, all-American newsman, in his Paris days.

He did admit to padding his sal-ary with some writing for Holly-wood, though none of his scripts actually made it through the maze

was working off the news," he said when pressed to name one he recalled. "At the time, politically, liked. "It closed."

That was not his reason for mov-actually made it through the maze

cause I liked politics." His timing the silver screen.

By 1962, however, Buchwald toric import of the era. "I started with Kennedy and Johnson was also good for copy," he recalled.

Buchwald's column, a mix of

humor and satire, became a fixture icatessen.

though foodwise "I'm doing pretty good in New York." Favorite New York eateries include Le Cirque, Nicola's and, for day-to-day dining, Kaplan's, a midtown del-

So what was the reason behind his return to his native New York A challenging assignment, and Buchwald was up to it. "There was a very good one called the Boule "When I went to Washington, I Sans Souci, in Washington," he City? "I got bored with Washington City? "I got bored with Washington. I'd been there a long time. he said, "and I would apply the said of the article."

now, so I made the decision, and I'm glad I did. I like it. New York has always moved at a

faster pace than Washington, but these days, the whole world is fren-zied, compared with past decades. Buchwald, however, said he has not changed his style in an era in which many people spend more time in front of televisions or com-

puters than newspapers. "You know, I stopped worrying about that because I couldn't do anything about it. I'm aware that it's different, everything is different, but there is nothing I can do

about it.' Nor does he worry too much about what to call his style of writing. "I don't get too serious about satire or humor. Obviously the best thing to do is to get somebody to laugh and also get your message across. Sometimes they get it, and

sometimes they don't. Unlike the shift to Washington from Paris, Buchwald said, the move to New York does not mvolve a new job. "There's not going to be a change in my subject matter, there is just going to be a change in my location.
Yet even before he came, his

subject matter had changed in a way that seemed to focus more on Wall Street than Capitol Hill. About half of his twice-weekly columns in recent months have delved into business-related topics.

'Now business is a big frontpage story." he remarked. "There are more people involved."

He often takes aim at the big names of American capitalism. such companies as Cincorp and Exxon Corp.

'Most of it has to do with them

laying off people to boost profits. he said. "Every time you see soand-so said they would show a profit this year because they laid off 10,000 people — I really do have a thing in my heart for people.

He also does not like big round numbers. "I refuse to recognize 50 years."

he said. "and I would appreciate it

#### **PEOPLE**

HOLLYWOOD has not done enough to acknowledge the work of Elia Kazan, according to the actor Charlton Heston. Heston is asking the film industry to bestow further honors on Kazan, the "On the Waterfront" director whose naming of names before the House Un-American Activities Committee in the 1950s made him an outcast among his colleagues. In a letter published in The Wall Street Journal, Heston said Kazan deserved a Life Achievement Award from the American Film Institute, of which Heston was once chairman. Kazan is to receive a special Oscar at the Academy Awards in March, but Heston said he merited more. "The quality of his work as a director, both on Broadway and in Hollywood, is beyond dispute,' Heston said. Kazan won Oscars for 'Gentleman's Agreement" (1947) and "On the Waterfront" (1954).

Lawyers for Queen Elizabeth II have taken the unusual step of writing to the editor of a tabloid newspaper to complain about the publication of private

sister, Princess Margaret, and her son Prince Charles wrote to Piers Morgan, editor of the Mirror, after the tabloid published letters concerning the late Diana, Princess of Wales. The Mirror's front-page articles this week claimed the letters proved that Charles did love Diana, despite a stormy marriage that

letters were written to an unnamed member of the royal family and were handed over by another unnamed member.

Johnny Cash, Mel Torme, Smokey

Robinson, Otis Redding and Sam Cooke will receive a Lifetime Achieve-

## Malcolm X Is Honored With a U.S. Stamp-

The Associated Press NEW YORK — Malcolm X, the black American activist who was investigated and shadowed for years by the FBI, has been honored with a commence stamp. The governor of the U.S. Postal Service, S. David Fineman, unveiled the 33-cent stamp at the Apollo Theatre here.

Malcolm X, who was assassinated in a Harlem ballroom in 1965, was "a modern-day revolutionary who openly fought for the end of oppression and injustice," Fineman said. "He was a visionary, a man who dreamed of a better world and dared to do something about it."

Born Malcolm Little in Omaha, Nebraska, Malcolm X joined the Nation of Islam in 1952. Once a street hustler, he became a fiery orator and advocated black nationalism in the early 1960s. The stamp is the 22d in the Black Heritage series. Malcolm's daughters - Attalah, Qubilah, Ilyasah, Gamilah, Malaak and Malikah — were among the guests at the presentation.

royal letters. Solicitors for the queen; her ended in divorce. The newspaper said the ment Award at the Grammy Awards next month. Redding and Cooke are being honored posthumously. The National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences also announced that it would give Trustees Awards, for nonperforming industry contributors, to the songwriting teams of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe, Kenneth Gamble and Leon Huff, and Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller.

> Archie Comic Publications has backed off its effort to force a man to stop using an on-line name he registered

for his 22-month-old daughter, Veronica. The company, whose comic books feature Archie, Betty and Veronica, had threatened legal action unless David Sams pulled the Web site veronica.org. The company said it owned the trade mark for the name Veronica. But now the company, which has registered the veronica.com name for its character said no legal action would be taken unless Sams's Web site contains offensive material.



HANDS OFF! - The Elvis impersonator Don Vitale examining Frank Sinatra's 1956 Ford Thunderbird in Scottsdale, Arizona. Cars owned by Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin will be auctioned Saturday.



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